



THE ARHEN DAVID LYLE PRIZES FOR RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH GUIDELINES

About the ARHEN David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health

The Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN) is the national association and peak body for the 17 University Departments of Rural Health (UDRH) across Australia.

The ARHEN Board has established the David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health in recognition of long-term ARHEN Board member, Professor David Lyle, who has recently retired.

Professor Lyle was Director of the Broken Hill Department of Rural Health, University of Sydney from 1997 to 2022 and one of the founding members of ARHEN in 2001. Professor Lyle was a strong advocate for the work of the University Departments of Rural Health (UDRH) and led many collaborative initiatives over the years to build and share knowledge across ARHEN and support rural and remote health colleagues around Australia.

Professor Lyle also served on the ARHEN Executive on multiple occasions as Chair and Treasurer.

Prizes

The ARHEN Board values and seeks to foster co-operation, collegiality and collaboration across the UDRH network. We strive for excellence in rural and remote health education and research and are committed to working together to enhance student outcomes, share knowledge and improve health outcomes for the rural, remote and First Nations communities we serve. Further detail on ARHEN's priorities is available at www.arhen.org.au.

The ARHEN David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health will be awarded annually to two UDRH employees who make a positive contribution to the UDRH network and who demonstrate behaviours consistent with ARHEN values and priorities.

There are two prizes on offer:

- The David Lyle Prize for Rural and Remote Health (professional staff) - \$2,500
- The David Lyle Prize for Rural and Remote Health (academic staff) - \$2,500

Award recipients will also receive a plaque acknowledging their contributions to ARHEN.

Eligibility

The prizes are open to staff currently employed at a UDRH and who have been employed continuously for 12 months or more at their current UDRH and are resident in the region in which their UDRH operates.

Applications are encouraged from all staff. The ARHEN Board especially encourages applications from staff who are committed to developing a career in rural and remote health, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.

Applicants for the David Lyle Prize for Rural and Remote Health (professional staff) must be employed in a non-academic role at their UDRH. This may include, but is not limited to, roles such as community liaison officers, student support officers, facilities and operations managers, communications officers, executive or administrative officers.

Applicants for the David Lyle Prize for Rural and Remote Health (academic staff) must be employed in an academic or research role at their UDRH.

The Directors of UDRHs are not eligible to apply.

There is no limit on the number of applications per UDRH.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the nomination form and address the selection criteria.

Applicants must provide the names of two referees, one of whom must be their current UDRH director.

Applications will be open for six weeks from Monday 19 September 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022.

Applications should be emailed to the ARHEN National Office at admin@arhen.org.au and include 'David Lyle Prize application' in the email subject line.

Applications received after Friday 28 October 2022 will not be considered.

Nominations cannot be made on behalf of another person.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must address all the selection criteria in their application. All selection criteria are of equal weighting. Answers must be no more than 400 words per criterion.

Applicants may attach supporting materials which provides further evidence of their claims against the criteria such as photos, publications, presentations, media articles etc.

1. *Demonstrated commitment to the UDRH network and modelling collegiate and collaborative behaviours consistent with ARHEN values and priorities.*

(This may include for example: evidence of fostering relationships with colleagues from a number of UDRHs; building and sharing knowledge across the network; mentoring colleagues across the network; establishing ways of working that create collective benefit/s).

2. *Demonstrated commitment to supporting nursing, midwifery and allied health students on rural and remote placements and/or capacity building for rural and remote health staff.*

(This may include for example: evidence of providing high quality support to students whilst on placement; extraordinary care during crisis or emergency situations; improving student accommodation and facilities; innovation in teaching approaches and methods; innovation in the delivery of continuing professional development for rural and remote staff).

3. *Demonstrated commitment to serving rural and remote communities.*

(This may include for example: evidence of commitment to community engagement or co-design activities; commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; new outreach activities to address service gaps; or a focus on hard-to-reach populations).

Assessment Panel

The assessment panel will comprise:

- One previous ARHEN Board member (Chair).
- One external member from the rural and remote health sector.
- Professor David Lyle.

All members of the assessment panel will be required to declare any conflicts of interest.

The assessment panel will review all applications for eligibility and assess applications on the evidence provided against the assessment criteria.

The assessment panel is able to award the prize based on applications alone but may decide to interview shortlisted candidates if needed.

The selection panel will provide a written report for the Board with their recommendation. The Board reserves the right to seek clarification and to not award the prize in any year.

The National Director will provide secretariat support to the assessment panel.

The National Director will arrange for the deposit of prize money into the prize recipients bank accounts and the provision of an award plaque.

Obligations

There are no requirements on prize recipients to use the prize money for a particular purpose.

Prize recipients may be asked to provide a short presentation on their work that led to the awarding of the prize at a webinar that will be open to all staff from the UDRHs and are expected to make themselves available for a presentation.

The ARHEN National Office reserves the right to publish details of the prize recipient and their work on the ARHEN website, social media or via media releases.