



THE ARHEN DAVID LYLE PRIZES FOR RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH GUIDELINES

About the Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN)

The Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN) is the national association for the 19 University Departments of Rural Health (UDRH) across Australia.

The ARHEN Board seeks to foster collegiality and collaboration across the UDRH network. The ARHEN Board strives for excellence in rural and remote health education and research and is committed to enhancing student outcomes, sharing knowledge and improving health outcomes for the rural, remote and First Nations communities we serve.

About the ARHEN David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health

The ARHEN Board established the David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health in 2022 in recognition of long-term ARHEN Board member, Professor David Lyle.

Professor Lyle was Director of the Broken Hill University 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 David Lyle Prizes for Rural and Remote Health are awarded annually to UDRH employees who make a positive contribution to the UDRH network and who demonstrate behaviours consistent with ARHEN values and priorities. Further detail on ARHEN's priorities is available at www.arhen.org.au.

There are two categories of prizes:

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

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

The judging panel may also award a further highly commended prize in each category of \$1,500 for 'up and coming staff' who are making a valuable contribution to the UDRH network.

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 (academic staff) must be employed in an academic or research role at their UDRH.

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.

The Directors of UDRHs are not eligible to apply.

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

Application Process

Eligible staff may self-nominate for the awards and nominations may also be made on behalf of another person.

If nominating another person for an award please ensure they are aware of the nomination and that you include all their relevant details in the application form and attach their curriculum vitae. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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.

Applicants must address the selection criteria below and attach their curriculum vitae.

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 close on Friday 8 November 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

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

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 ARHEN National Office will provide secretariat support to the assessment panel.

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

The ARHEN Board reserves the right to seek clarification and to not award the prize in any year.

Obligations

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

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.