



**Australian College
of Audiology**

A Voice For All Hearing Health Professionals

Member Awards

MAY 2024



ACAud 2024

**NATIONAL
CONGRESS**

THE HEAT IS ON • CAIRNS

Formal Announcement of the
Winners will be at the ACAud 2024
National Congress Gala Dinner

About the ACAud Member Awards

Nominations are now open for the Australian College of Audiology Ltd Biennial Member Awards, which recognize the contribution of dedicated ACAud members.

This is an important initiative of the Australian College of Audiology Ltd as we recognize the outstanding service of our members.

Members have continued to show outstanding professionalism and these Awards are an opportunity to recognize the invaluable work our members contribute to the Australian community ensuring effective, innovative and efficient care of an individual's hearing issues in a complex and constantly changing environment.

ACAud Members are encouraged to nominate their colleagues who have demonstrated a strong commitment to our profession.

We strongly encourage applications from across the membership. Please check the guidelines and consider who you may wish to nominate, or whether you could nominate yourself!

All applicants need to complete the Nomination Form in conjunction with Award specific requirements.

Please email completed application forms and any additional requirements to the ACAud Secretariat email: acaud@acaud.org

Award Categories

STUDENT – Open to Full and Part time Students

This category is for Students who strive to be the top of their class who are eager to embrace knowledge and relish the opportunity to learn skills and to put them into practice.

Judges will be looking at career and study achievements, communication, team and leadership skills development and community involvement.

To be eligible for this category the nominee must be a Student Member of *ACAud* who is currently undertaking or finished formal study within the last 12 months.

All members are encouraged to nominate their student members, self-nomination for this award is also allowed.

ASSOCIATE – Open to Associate Members

This category is for Associates who deliver excellence in customer service and client care. They are striving to make a tangible difference to the experience of their clients hearing journey.

The judges will be interested in how the Associate interacts with their clients and how information and services are communicated, and the approaches made to training and gathering feedback.

To be eligible for this category the nominee must be an Associate Member of *ACAud* who is undertaking a clinical internship.

All members are encouraged to nominate their Associate members, self-nomination for this award is also allowed.

FULL AND FELLOW MEMBER – Open to Full and Fellow Members

This category is designed to reward a member who uses their skills to enhance the lives of their clients, colleagues, and the community.

Emphasis will be placed on excellence and all-round practice skills. The judges will be looking for true commitment to patient care and examples of how the clinician's actions have benefited their clients and the community.

To be eligible for this category the nominee must be a Full or Fellow Member of *ACAud* and be working in clinical practice regardless of type or size.

All members are encouraged to nominate their Full or Fellow Member colleagues, self-nomination for this award is also allowed.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Open to all Members of *ACAud*

This category is for the *ACAud* Member who goes the extra mile for their clients and the profession.

The People's Choice Award is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the differences and benefits that *ACAud* Members bring daily, to the lives of their clients and their families.

If you know an *ACAud* Member who has made a difference to your life, the life of your family member, or you work alongside this person, consider nominating them.

To be eligible for this category the nominee must be a Member of *ACAud*.

Entries are welcome from all Members of *ACAud* and the general public.

Judging

The judging will be conducted by the ACAud Membership and Certification Committee.

Final recommendations will go to the ACAud Board for endorsement.

Please note that the judge's decision is final.

The People's choice Award will also open to the public for voting, calling all members of ACAud and the Community to nominate an outstanding ACAud Member for a People's Choice Award.

Each finalist will be recognized at ACAud's biennial congress, with the inaugural awards being presented in Cairns at the 2024 Congress.

Nominations Open

01/12/2023

Nominations Close

16/02/2024

Online Voting Commences

01/03/2024

Online Voting Closes

29/03/2024



Award Rules

1. The nominees must be a financial member of the Australian College of Audiology Ltd.
2. Members can be nominated by anyone or may self-nominate.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Awards Committee to check employment status and to exclude nominees with professional performance issues.
4. If a nominee has been a finalist in previous years they shall not be re-considered in the same category, or a similar category for three years with the exclusion of the People's Choice Award.
5. The judge's decision is final – no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
6. Personal information about nominees and nominators provided will only be used for the purposes of assessing and judging of the nominations in the *ACAud* Member Awards.
7. Prizes are not transferable or redeemable in cash.
8. Current serving Board and Awards Committee members are not eligible for entry.
9. A completed nomination form addressing the criteria is essential.
10. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Nomination Requirements

STUDENT of the Year – Open to Full and Part time Students

- Must be currently studying or have completed study in the past 12 months
- Must be a Student member of ACAud

ASSOCIATE of the Year – Open to Associate Members

- Must be an Associate who is undertaking a clinical internship.
- Upholds ACAud's values:
 - Striving to work effectively to provide safe, quality and compassionate hearing health care
 - Demonstrating emerging clinical excellence for their profession Seeks continuous learning opportunities
 - Understanding of when to seek support and reflect on practice Clearly growing with ability and confidence in their clinical work

CLINICIAN of the Year – Open to Full or Fellow Members

- Must be a Full Member of ACAud and be working in clinical practice regardless of type or size.
- Upholds ACAud's values:
 - Significantly contributes to the promotion of hearing health. Outstandingly contributing to clinical excellence.
 - Recognized for advocating for their profession.
 - Continuously displaying passion to work effectively to provide safe, quality and evidence-based care.
 - Recognized by peers for their professionalism and is proud be a member of ACAud
 - Leading in innovative care.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Open to all Members of ACAud

- Must be a Member of ACAud
- This award is open for nomination from anyone in the profession or General Public.

Prize Information

Each category winner will receive an ACAud Members Award trophy, along with a FREE registration to the ACAud 2026 Congress where they will partake in the hand over of the newly appointed Member of the Year for their respective category.

Nomination Form Downloads

Nomination forms can be downloaded via the below links. Alternatively a copy of the form can be obtained from the ACAud website, or by emailing the Secretariat at: acaud@acaud.org

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

<https://portal.acaud.com.au/myNews.aspx>

ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

<https://portal.acaud.com.au/myNews.aspx>

CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR

<https://portal.acaud.com.au/myNews.aspx>

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

<https://www.acaud.com.au/news/>