

# WA Excellence in Allied Health Awards 2026

## Overview

In recognition of the passion and dedication of the Allied Health workforce in delivering high-quality, patient-centred care, the Chief Allied Health Office - together with Platinum Sponsor Curtin University and our valued supporting sponsors - is proud to announce the WA Excellence in Allied Health Awards 2026.

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There are eight award categories, plus the Lifetime Achievement Honour. The categories are

### Aboriginal Allied Health Award

The Aboriginal Allied Health Award is for nominees who identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. The winner of this category will have demonstrated their commitment to improving and advocating for the culturally appropriate health care of Aboriginal peoples and communities.

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### Early Career Allied Health Professional of the Year

The Early Career Allied Health Professional of the Year applies to nominees who have shown exceptional potential during their first two years of practice. The winner of this category will have demonstrated a passion and commitment to the provision of quality, safe and compassionate care to patients and their family/caregivers.

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### Allied Health Assistant of the Year

The Allied Health Assistant of the Year applies to nominees who have a dedicated Allied Health Assistant role, which may include providing clinical as well as administrative support. The winner of this category will have demonstrated a commitment to elevating the human experience in health care through their commitment to the allied health service for their organisation.

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### Allied Health Team of the Year

The Allied Health Team of the Year applies to a team demonstrating an outstanding contribution as a collective team, and to clinical excellence by delivering high performing allied health services and patient and/or service outcomes across any healthcare setting. The winner of this category will be recognised by their peers, demonstrate outstanding professionalism and actively support a positive and collaborative culture.

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### Allied Health Researcher of the Year

The Allied Health Researcher of the Year applies to nominees who hold a clinical or clinical leadership role and engages in research activities. Nominees may or may not have protected research time. It is open to novice, early career, and experienced researchers. The winner of this category will have demonstrated the impact of their research in WA on service and/or patient outcomes and how they are supporting clinicians to implement research in clinical practice as well as build research capacity.

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### Allied Health Educator of the Year

The Allied Health Educator of the Year applies to nominees who deliver impactful contributions to improve the best practice allied health service delivery through learning and development for Allied Health professionals. The winner of this category will have demonstrated a significant impact from their contribution to educating Allied Health professional peers, students, other health disciplines, patients, or the general public.

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### Allied Health Leader of the Year

The Allied Health Leader of the Year applies to nominees who show exceptional skills to support, mentor, and coach Allied Health professionals. They do not have to be working in a management or senior role. The winner of this category will have driven quality improvement in patient care, service delivery and a commitment to value-based health care; and are leaders of a positive culture across professional groups.

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### Allied Health Professional of the Year

The Allied Health Professional of the Year applies to nominees who have made an outstanding contribution to clinical practice, leadership, clinical research and education. The winner of this category will have demonstrated commitment to supporting, empowering, and upskilling those around them. They advocate for evidence-based practice, with a focus on value-based health care, and provide safe, quality, and compassionate patient care.

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### Lifetime Achievement Honour

The Lifetime Achievement Honour is by third party nomination only (i.e. not self-nomination) and recognises the nominee's long standing and extraordinary contribution to the Allied Health professions. The winner of this category is highly regarded by their team, service and/or profession and their work has had a momentous and long-standing impact on Allied Health in WA.

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## Award Rules

The awards are open to Allied Health working in any health care environment and within any organisation in Western Australia.

This includes those working in:

- academia
- aged care
- education
- hospitals
- management
- primary health care
- rural and remote

Please refer to the Award Rules document for more information. A copy of the application is included below to allow you to preview the questions asked, and the marking guide to assist you in your nomination.

## Part 1 - Nominee Details

Please enter the details of the person you are nominating. If nominating a Team, please state the Team Leader.

### Nominee Details

Title - *Please select only one item*

- Mrs
- Ms
- Mr
- Dr
- Other

First Name *(Required)*

Surname *(Required)*

Position Title *(Required)*

Organisation Name *(Required)*

Phone number *(Required)*

Email address *(Required)*

If nominating for a Team Award, what is the name of the Team

## Part 2 - Nominator Details

Please enter your details. If you are self-nominating please enter your details again.

### Nominator Details

First Name *(Required)*

Surname *(Required)*

Phone number *(Required)*

Relationship to nominee *(Required)*

## Part 3 - Award Category

What award category is this application for? *(Required) - Please select only one item*

- Aboriginal Allied Health Award
- Early Career Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Allied Health Assistant of the Year
- Allied Health Team of the Year
- Allied Health Researcher of the Year
- Allied Health Educator of the Year
- Allied Health Leader of the Year
- Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Honour

## Aboriginal Allied Health Award

The Aboriginal Allied Health Award demonstrates exceptional commitment, professionalism, and compassionate care to all patients. They are committed to improving and advocating for the culturally appropriate health care of Aboriginal peoples and communities, and are proud to be an Allied Health Professional working in WA.

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Please address the following sections/questions using specific examples or stories.

1. Does your nominee identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? *(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, both

2. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

3. Areas of excellence

a. Demonstrates their commitment to elevating the human experience and is an active champion for culturally appropriate health care for Aboriginal people.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

b. Models closing the gap by demonstrably working in partnership with Aboriginal people and/or communities to promote better health outcomes individually or collectively.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

c. Supports agency actions to build culturally safe spaces for Aboriginal patients, visitors, staff and volunteers through their practices and partnerships with other clinicians and/or departments

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Early Career Allied Health Professional of the Year

The Early Career Allied Health Professional of the Year has shown exceptional potential during their first two years of practice. They are committed to supporting a positive culture and are proud to be an Allied Health Professional working in WA.

The Early Career Allied Health Professional demonstrates passion and commitment to the provision of quality, safe and compassionate care to patients and their family/caregivers. They are committed to seeking continuous learning opportunities and are driven to demonstrate emerging clinical excellence for their discipline.

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1. Nominee must be within 2 years of commencing work in their allied health profession at the time of applying. Please state the date they graduated and/or completed compulsory internship and upload documentation to support this.

Day

Month

Year

Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include to this printout.

2. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

### 3. Areas of excellence

- a. Demonstrates emerging clinical excellence for their profession.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

- b. Strives to work effectively to provide safe, quality and compassionate patient care that elevates the human experience.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

- c. Demonstrates initiative, emerging leadership and professionalism beyond their career stage.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Allied Health Assistant of the Year

The Allied Health Assistant of the Year consistently provides exceptional and high-quality support for Allied Health Professions and Allied Health Services.

They actively support a positive culture and are proud to be an Allied Health Assistant working in WA. This individual demonstrates a commitment to elevating the human experience by being the backbone of the Allied Health Service for their organisation. They show professionalism and are a proven team player.

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1. The nominee must have a dedicated Allied Health Assistant role, which may include providing administrative support. Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include to this printout. Please upload their certified Allied Health Assistant qualification.

2. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

3. Areas of excellence

a. Demonstrates a significant contribution to supporting Allied Health and is a proven team player within the multidisciplinary environment.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

b. Demonstrates confidence in providing safe, quality and patient focused assistance.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

c. Demonstrates understanding of the value of their role in elevating the human experience.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Allied Health Team of the Year

The Allied Health Team of the Year shows outstanding contribution as a collective team, to clinical excellence delivering high performing allied health services or outcomes in any setting. They advocate for evidence-based practice, focus on value-based health care, and provide safe, quality, and compassionate patient care. They actively support a positive and collaborative culture.

The team is recognised by peers for their outstanding professionalism and the continuous demonstration of pride to be an Allied Health Professional within WA.

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### 1. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

### 2. Areas of excellence

a. Demonstrates excellent outcomes for person centred care and/or their profession which has been achieved through excellent teamwork.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 200 words

b. Continuously displays commitment to work effectively to provide safe, quality and evidence-based care as a collective team, and deliver high performing allied health services and/or patient outcomes in any healthcare setting.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 200 words

c. Demonstrates leadership and influence, and uses this influence to lead positive organisational culture and elevate the human experience for staff and patients.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 200 words

## Allied Health Researcher of the Year

The Allied Health Researcher of the Year has made exemplary contributions to research to enhance Allied Health practice, services, and patient outcomes. Their activities have been impactful and can be translated into practice, and they are proud to be an Allied Health Professional working in WA.

The Allied Health Researcher of the Year holds a clinical or clinical leadership role and engages in research activities. Nominees may or may not have protected research time or research position. They may hold a conjoint academic appointment in addition to their clinical role, but this is not their primary role. They may be a higher degree by research student who is achieving at a high level and meets the criteria set out below. They contribute to building the capacity of other staff to conduct and translate research in allied health services, for example by supervising research students or clinicians, leading research teams, or mentoring novice researchers.

This Award is open to early and experienced researchers. Applications will be assessed based on the impact of their research in WA and how they are supporting clinicians to implement research in clinical practice as well as build research capacity.

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### 1. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

### 2. Areas of excellence

a. Has generated research that is published in peer reviewed scientific journals, and/or has been presented at research forums including conferences, or within clinical teams which contributes to the evidence base for Allied Health practice in their field, and has led work to translate this research into practice.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

b. Partners with consumers, communities, colleagues and/or academic partners to conduct research that contributes to consumer-centred improvements in clinical care or health service delivery.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

c. Empowers and upskills allied health clinicians in research and fosters a progressive culture of learning and innovation.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Allied Health Educator of the Year

The Allied Health Educator of the Year has made exemplary contributions to the education of others to improve Allied Health services. This could include teaching of Allied Health professional peers, students, other health disciplines, patients, or the general public. They are proud to be an Allied Health Professional working in WA.

Their activities have been impactful to improve the practice standards of Allied Health professionals, the knowledge of specific health conditions or the understanding of Allied Health services. Education can be part of a formal teaching role or in an informal capacity.

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1. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

2. Areas of excellence

a. Outstanding contribution to education and improvement of best practice allied health service delivery

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

b. Considered by colleagues to be committed to supporting, empowering and upskilling students and staff.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

c. Demonstrates an active contribution to a positive and progressive learning culture, including that which elevates the human experience.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Allied Health Leader of the Year

The Allied Health Leader of the Year has continuously exhibited excellence in leadership, focusing on the values of teamwork, innovation, service, quality, compassion, and integrity. They show exceptional skills to support, mentor, and coach staff.

The Allied Health Leader of the Year is a visionary. They drive quality improvement in patient care, service delivery and a commitment to value-based health care. They are leaders of a positive culture across professional groups. They are proud to be an Allied Health Professional working in WA.

The applicant does not have to be working in a management/senior role.

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### 1. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

### 2. Areas of excellence

#### a. Recognised by peers for their professional and visionary leadership.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

#### b. Considered by colleagues to be committed to supporting, empowering and upskilling all within healthcare.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

#### c. Demonstrate leadership and influence, and uses this influence to lead positive organisational culture and elevate the human experience.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Allied Health Professional of the Year

The Allied Health Professional of the Year makes an outstanding contribution to clinical excellence, leadership, education, and workplace culture. They advocate for evidence-based practice, focus on value-based health care, and provide safe, quality, and compassionate patient care. They actively support a positive and collaborative culture.

The Allied Health Professional of the Year shows commitment to supporting, empowering, and upskilling those around them. They passionately advocate for better patient outcomes through allied health services and collaborate across professions and services to achieve this. The individual is recognised by peers for their outstanding professionalism and the continuous demonstration of pride to be an Allied Health Professional within WA.

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1. Please state your reasons for nominating this award.

Please limit your responses to 1000 characters = approx. 200 words

2. Areas of excellence

a. Recognised by peers for their professionalism and role modelling.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

b. Demonstrates outstanding contribution to clinical excellence.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

c. Continuously displays commitment to work effectively to provide safe, quality and evidence-based care that elevates the human experience.

Please limit your responses to 1800 characters = approx. 300 words

## Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll

The Lifetime Achievement Honour is an induction into an honour roll.

These individuals will be assessed by an independent panel for consideration on the honour roll based on a long standing and extraordinary contribution to the allied health professions, which exceeds what might normally be achieved, in the course of their professional role.

All health care colleagues are invited to submit the name of an allied health professional who has made an outstanding contribution to their position and the allied health profession(s) over their career.

There are no finalists for this category.

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1. Consideration for the lifetime achievement honour will primarily focus on the degree and value of the contribution, rather than merely length of service.

Please describe how the applicant addresses the following lifetime achievement honour criteria:

- a. Demonstrated achievement at a high level;
- b. Made a contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment; or
- c. Whose contribution to the allied health professions stands out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.

Please limit your responses to 5400 characters = approx. 900 words

2. Please provide 2-3 referee letters that support your nomination.

Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include to this printout. Please combine your letters into one pdf document. Please make sure your file is under 25MB.