



**Australian Mental Health Prize 2026
UNSW Medicine & Health
Conditions of Entry**

1. The Conditions of Entry (Conditions) of the Australian Mental Health Prize (Prize) are governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.
2. Instructions on how to enter and other details contained within promotional advertisements for this Prize form part of the Conditions.
3. By making or accepting a nomination for the Prize, you agree to be bound by these Conditions.
4. The Prize organiser is UNSW Sydney (ABN 57 195 873179) of UNSW Sydney NSW 2052, through its Discipline of Psychiatry and Mental Health.

Prize Purpose

5. The purpose of the Prize is to recognise outstanding contributions to mental health in Australia by an individual.
6. The Prize will raise awareness of the importance of mental health and highlight the outstanding work of Australians and Australian residents in this field.

Who can enter?

7. Entry is by nomination only.
8. Any member of the public or a third party organisation (public, non-government or private) may nominate an entry for the Prize.
9. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
10. Employees of UNSW Sydney may nominate a person for entry.
11. Current UNSW, Black Dog Institute or NeuRA employees are ineligible for nomination.
12. If a nominee is not over the age of eighteen (18), a parent/guardian must accept the nominee's entry on the nominee's behalf.
13. A nominee must be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

How to enter

14. Nominations for the Prize close on 31 July 2026, at 5pm AEST (Prize Period).
15. To make a nomination during the Prize Period you must complete and submit the online nomination form at www.australianmentalhealthprize.org.au.
16. Any nomination not submitted during the Prize Period or not completed in accordance with these Conditions will not be valid and will not be eligible to win.
17. Making or accepting a nomination for the Prize is free. You are responsible for any costs associated with making or accepting a nomination for the Prize, which may include costs associated with accessing the internet.
18. Inappropriate, defamatory, racist or offensive entries will be deemed invalid and excluded from the Prize.
19. UNSW Sydney reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and the eligibility of entrants and to disqualify any entrant who does not meet the eligibility criteria



set out in this point or who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these Conditions.

20. All decisions about the eligibility of entrants and the validity of entries made by UNSW Sydney will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
21. Any person who has been nominated for the Prize may choose whether to accept the nomination.
22. Any person previously nominated for the Prize (including finalists but NOT winners) can be nominated again.

Judging

23. Chance plays no part in determining the winner of the Prize.
24. The winning nominee will be decided by a panel of judges comprising the Australian Mental Health Prize Advisory Board.
25. The panel of judges shall select 4 winners of the Prize, one for each category listed below:
 - a. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: To recognise and celebrate outstanding Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mental health leadership at a national or community level.
 - b. Lived experience: To recognise and celebrate outstanding mental health leadership at a national level by someone with lived experience of mental health, either personally or as a supporter.
 - c. Professional: To recognise and celebrate outstanding mental health leadership at a national level in the clinical, academic or professional sectors.
 - d. Community hero: To recognise and celebrate outstanding mental health leadership at a State or community level.
26. Selection of the winning entries will be based on the panel's assessment of outstanding contribution to either:
 - a. the promotion of mental health; or
 - b. the prevention or treatment of mental illness, in areas such as advocacy, research or service provision.
27. If no one is deemed suitable for any of the prizes, no award shall be made for that prize.
28. The panel of judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
29. All discussions and deliberations of the judging of the Prize will be strictly confidential.
30. The names of the winners of the Prize will not be made public until each person has accepted their nomination for the Prize and selection as a winner in writing.
31. All potential winners must agree to their individual announcement as a winner before the public announcement of the winners.

Prize Gala Event Details

32. The Australian Mental Health Prize award event will be held on or near to Wednesday 20 October 2026.
33. The Prize winners will be announced and presented to the audience at the event.



34. The winners are expected to either present a speech or be interviewed by a member of the Advisory Board at the event. Travel costs for the winners to attend the event will be funded by UNSW.
35. The names of the winners may also be publicised on the UNSW Sydney website.
36. The winners will be announced on 20 October 2026.
37. The winners will be notified via the contact details provided during the nomination process. Their name will be published on the UNSW Sydney website, Facebook and other social media as UNSW Sydney sees fit.
38. By accepting nomination for the prize, the nominee agrees to UNSW Sydney using their full name for such public announcement.

The Prize

39. The winners of the Prize shall be awarded a commemorative token.
40. The prize is not redeemable for cash or an alternative prize.
41. The prize is not transferrable.

Unclaimed prize

42. In the event that UNSW Sydney is not able to contact any winner or a winner does not accept his or her nomination for the Prize by 10 September 2026, UNSW Sydney reserves the right to select an additional winner.
43. The selection of an alternate valid nominee as a winner will be determined at the sole discretion of the judges. In such circumstances, the winner will be notified via the contact details provided during the nomination process and, having accepted such nomination and selection as a winner, their name will be published on the UNSW Sydney website, Facebook and other social media as UNSW Sydney sees fit.
44. Acceptance of any of the prizes is contingent on prize winner's agreement to UNSW Sydney using the prize winner's full name for such public announcement.

Limitation of liability

45. In the case of the intervention of any outside act, circumstances or event which prevents or significantly hinders UNSW Sydney's ability to proceed with the Prize on the dates and in the manner described in these Conditions of Entry, including but not limited to vandalism, power failures, natural disasters, acts of God, civil unrest, strike, war, or act of terrorism, UNSW Sydney may in its absolute discretion cancel the Prize and UNSW Sydney will have no liability to any entrant or any other person as a result of such cancellation.
46. UNSW Sydney will not be liable for any misadventure, accident, injury, loss or claim (including but not limited to a claim for infringement of any copyright, trademark or other intellectual property right, or any claim of a similar nature) that may occur as a result of an entry into the Prize.
47. UNSW Sydney is not responsible in any manner whatsoever for any problems or any financial costs incurred, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participants or any other persons related to or resulting from participation in this Prize.



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Intellectual Property

48. By completing a nomination for the Prize, you warrant to and for the benefit of UNSW Sydney that:
- a. your entry does not infringe the copyright, trademark or other intellectual property rights of any person; and
 - b. you have the consent of any identifiable person included in your entry to publish your entry on the UNSW Sydney website and on social media channels, submit the photo to this Prize and for UNSW Sydney to publish your entry online or in any promotional materials.
49. By making a nomination for the Prize, you consent and agree to UNSW Sydney using your entry for an unlimited period without remuneration in any media now known or hereafter devised for the purpose of promoting UNSW Sydney. You acknowledge that your entry may be reproduced online or in UNSW Sydney promotional materials.

Privacy

50. UNSW Sydney may collect, store and use personal information to conduct the Prize and for related purposes referred to in point 52 below, and may, for this purpose, disclose such information to third parties, including but not limited to agents, contractors, prize suppliers and, as required, to Australian regulatory authorities.
51. By completing a nomination for the Prize, you are deemed to have expressly consented to the collection, storage, disclosure and use of your personal information for the purposes identified in these Conditions of Entry in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and all other applicable privacy legislation.
52. By completing a nomination for the Prize, you acknowledge and agree that UNSW Sydney may, for an indefinite period, unless otherwise advised by the entrant in writing in accordance with point 53, collect, store, disclose and use all personal information collected by UNSW Sydney about you in connection with this Prize for promotional, marketing, publicity, research and profiling purposes. All such personal information will only be used in accordance with UNSW Sydney's Privacy Management Plan which may be found here: <https://www.legal.unsw.edu.au/compliance/privacy/mgtplan.html>
53. You should direct any request to access, update, correct or withdraw consent to your personal information to: The Privacy Officer UNSW Sydney NSW 2052 Phone: (02) 9065 5491 Email: privacy@unsw.edu.au

Contact details

54. Enquiries about this Prize should be directed to: austmhprize@unsw.edu.au