

CATSINaM Awards Information Sheet

Recognising Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery

The CATSINaM Awards celebrate the accomplishments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses, midwives, students, and allies. The awards ceremony will be held at the CATSINaM National Conference Gala Dinner on Thursday, the 31st of October, at the Optus Stadium in Perth, WA.

Award Categories for Member Nomination

Early Career Award

Recognises the achievements of an early career Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander nurse or midwife who has excelled in the initial years of their career. Eligible for registered nurses or midwives with two or more years of experience.

Sally Goold OAM Award

Recognises an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurse who has significantly contributed to the profession and the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through their work.

Sister Alison Bush Award

Acknowledges an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander midwife who has significantly contributed to the profession and the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through their work.

Fellowship Award

A prestigious recognition for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander nurse or midwife researcher whose research efforts have substantially contributed to nursing and midwifery practice.

Aunty Pam Mamm Community Service Award

Recognises nurses or midwives who significantly contribute to their communities beyond their professional roles, including community outreach, health education, volunteer work, or advocacy efforts to improve public health and well-being.

Education and Mentorship Award

Honours an individual who excels in educating and mentoring the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives, sharing their knowledge, expertise, and experience to inspire and support others.

Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG Leadership Award

Acknowledges a nurse or midwife who demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities, such as inspiring and empowering colleagues, fostering teamwork, advancing system changes within their health service, and advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Excellence in Cultural Safety Award

Celebrates a nurse or midwife who demonstrates outstanding clinical skills, compassion, and dedication to culturally safe care, particularly in challenging situations.

How to Apply

Nominations can be made via this [LINK](#). Complete the nomination form by COB 29th July 2024. Late nominations will not be accepted. Please note:

- If you would like to nominate one person for several awards – submit one nomination form.
- If you would like to nominate two or more people for an award, you will need to complete a nomination form for each nominee.

Award Process

1. The CEO will review nominees and choose a finalist for each Award. The successful nominees will be notified within three weeks of the nomination closing date.
2. If the Award recipient wishes to receive their Award in person, CATSINaM will ensure ample time for the recipient to arrange travel and accommodation.
3. Awards will be presented at the National Conference 2024 Gala Dinner at Optus Stadium in Perth on Thursday, October 31st.

Eligibility Criteria

Award Category	Quality of response to the award criteria	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	CATSINaM Member	Enrolled Nurse	Nurse	Midwife
Early Career Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sally Goold OAM Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sister Alison Bush Award	✓	✓	✓			✓
Fellowship Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Aunty Pam Mamm Community Service Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Education and Mentorship Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG Leadership Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Excellence in Cultural Safety Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓