



Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand Outstanding Contribution to Accounting and Finance Practice Award

Aim

The aim of this award is to recognise outstanding contributions to accounting and finance practice by members of AFAANZ. The award recognises the vital links between academe and practice. This award may be made to more than one recipient provided nomination(s) are of a sufficiently high merit and meet the selection criteria.

Eligibility

Only current (financial or life) members of AFAANZ are eligible for nomination. The contributions to accounting and finance practice this award seeks to recognise will typically be those provided by a member on a voluntary basis. Contributions made by way of consultancies where members are paid at competitive rates will not normally be considered. Nominees for this award should demonstrate outstanding contributions over a sustained number of years. An individual recipient may receive this award once.

Criteria

An outstanding contribution to accounting and finance practice may be demonstrated in several ways. The primary criterion for judging nominations will be the extent to which nominees can demonstrate sustained involvement in activities which seek to advance the discipline and impact practice. More specifically, such activities may include:

- Active contribution to relevant state, national or international professional accounting and/or finance professional associations through membership of state or national committees, the preparation of reports and submissions, through presentations or through key roles played in the management of accounting, finance and/or business conferences and programs;
- Contribution to the committees, groups or boards involved with the development, implementation and enforcement of legal or best practice standards in the accounting and finance fields;
- Contribution to the committees, groups, or governing boards of governments, statutory authorities and other regulatory bodies;
- The establishment and/or strengthening of key links between academe and practice;
- The dissemination of accounting and/or finance research to the profession and wider community through professional publications.

Nominations

Each nomination shall be in writing and received by the deadline. Nominations must be made by two current members of AFAANZ and must contain the signed consent of the nominee. Applications should address the criteria for the award and where appropriate, include examples of contributions and supporting documentation. This may include for example, detailed examples of contributions to committees, information about key reports prepared and other activities and the receipt of honorary awards and memberships bestowed by relevant professional organizations. It is envisaged that the text addressing the criteria be no more than 5 single-sided A4 pages excluding supporting documentation. Nominations must also include the current vitae of the nominee.

Nominating committee

Nominations for this award will be reviewed in the first instance by a nominating committee. The nominating committee will comprise the current and immediate past presidents of AFAANZ and a current board member. The nominating committee will determine the nominations to be forwarded to the advisory panel for consideration. The decision to forward the nominations to the advisory panel will be made based on a majority vote by the members of the nominating committee.

The Advisory Panel

The nominations will be reviewed by an advisory panel appointed by the AFAANZ Board. The panel comprises the Chair for this award; and at least one representative from the Platinum Sponsors of AFAANZ, and a past award recipient. The advisory panel will recommend to the AFAANZ Board as to whether the award should be made in respect of any nomination received. For the panel to recommend to the AFAANZ board that the award be made, a 75% majority vote of advisory panel members is required.

Whether the award is made in any year remains the responsibility of the AFAANZ Board. For the award to be made in any year, a 75% majority vote of the AFAANZ Board is required

Nomination deadline

Nominees will be finalised by way of written submissions from proposers addressing the selection criteria. Nominations for the 2023 award are to be received by the AFAANZ office by 18 November 2022.

Please email all nominations to info@afaanz.org

Award

The award will be presented at the 2023 Annual Conference.

Past Recipients

2021: Professor Tom Smith

2018: Joint Award - Professor Keryn Chalmers, Swinburne University & Professor Ann Tarca, International Accounting Standards Board

2011: Professor Roger Simnett, The University of New South

Wales 2008: Professor Jayne Godfrey, Monash University

2005: Professor Tony van Zijl, Victoria University of Wellington

2003: Associate Professor Malcolm Miller, University of New South Wales

2001: Professor Michael Bradbury, Unitec New Zealand & Professor Ken Leo, Curtin University of Technology Inaugural Award, 1999: Professor Graham Peirson, Monash University

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