



The New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association (NZHPA) Te Kāhui Whakarite Rongoā Hōhipera o Aotearoa



## **ANZCAP Pharmacy Student of the Year now open!**

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The Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy (ANZCAP) has opened submissions to pharmacy students across Australia for its inaugural Pharmacy Student of the Year Award, with the winner, to be announced in September, to receive flights, accommodation and registration to attend Medicines Management 2024, Australia's largest annual scientific pharmacy conference, in Adelaide in November.

Any pharmacy student with access to the ANZCAP platform is eligible to submit a portfolio for the award; access to ANZCAP is free via their SHPA membership which is free for all students.

The ANZCAP Pharmacy Student of the Year award will recognise students who can demonstrate diversity in their learning by completing at least six of the currently available 11 dedicated student Learning Experiences (LXs) through ANZCAP's portfolio-building platform. Alongside their custom portfolio, student nominees will also need to provide a personal statement outlining why they should be awarded.

National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) President Bano Serhan says it's important that students are recognised for the skills and expertise they acquire throughout their undergraduate study.

'Over 80% of student respondents in the 2023 National Pharmacy Students' Survey said formal recognition through post-nominals and certification was important to demonstrating their experience and expertise.

'We're very pleased to support this award and encourage all NAPSA and SHPA Student members to start building their ANZCAP custom portfolios to be in the running.

'It is fantastic that Australian pharmacy students can now be awarded for showing a commitment to growth and learning through portfolio-building, a great way to showcase evidence of skills and experiences to start mapping early pharmacy career progress which will set them up for formal recognition through ANZCAP.'

Self-nominations for the ANZCAP Pharmacy Student of the Year will close 31 August 2024 with the winner to be announced in September.

Further details can be found at: https://www.shpa.org.au/ANZCAP/anzcap-soty

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## About ANZCAP

The **Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy** (ANZCAP) is a landmark initiative recognising the career progress and specialisation of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working across Australia and New Zealand, mapped to relevant national competency standards and developed by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) in partnership with the New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association (NZHPA).

ANZCAP offers recognition as a Resident, Registrar or Consultant aligned with one or two of 46 specialty areas enabling the achievements of the practitioner to be clearly and concisely understood by their employers and peers, healthcare colleagues and patients in their care.

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## About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional organisation for the 6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists, and their Hospital Pharmacist Intern and Hospital Pharmacy Technician colleagues working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.



## About NZHPA

The New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association, Te Kāhui Whakarite Rongoā Hōhipera o Aotearoa (NZHPA) is a not-for-profit voluntary member organisation which represents the views of and advocates for hospital pharmacy staff. NZHPA provides a voice for more than 450 members on national pharmacy related issues, enables hospital pharmacy representation on national pharmacy bodies, and has several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Special Interest Networks (SINs) demonstrating the many facets of specialist practice within hospital pharmacy.

