



AIIP INTERGENERATIONAL AWARDS 2026

INTERGENERATIONAL INNOVATION & CONTRIBUTION AWARD 2026

This award celebrates an outstanding intergenerational program that demonstrates innovation, creativity, and significant contributions to fostering meaningful connections between generations. It recognises initiatives that have successfully bridged generational gaps through purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, promoting greater understanding, respect, and community cohesion. Eligible programs must showcase measurable positive impacts on participants and their communities, with a focus on sustainability and scalability.

Award	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility criteria - To be eligible for this award, nominees must be:	• An intergenerational program that is - o Delivered within Australia - o Structured (planned and delivered); - o Purposefully designed to provide mutual benefits to both older and younger generations; - o Research-based (e.g., based on educational frameworks); - o Evaluated (at least self-evaluated). - o Current and ongoing (i.e., not once off and in the past). • Applicant (at minimum, an individual involved in the intergenerational program) must be an AIIP member. • Applications must be made based on the program's/ organisation's contributions made in the past 12 months. • Previous nominees, finalists and awardees can be nominated/ apply again*. <i>*Please note that all applications should be prepared based on work within the last 12 months; applications from previous years should not be recycled.</i>
Assessment criteria [Choose up to five standards; up to 300 words per criteria]	How well does your program meet the Australian Intergenerational Minimum Standards? • Reciprocal learning • Social cohesion • Age discrimination and stereotyping • Mutual relationships • Program management • Program evaluation • Practitioner values • Intergenerational equity • Participant environment • Leadership and succession planning Buy standards here
Additional Question	Categorise your program according to the Kaplan Levels of Intergenerational Engagement (2004; Level 1 to 7).
Additional Materials	Maximum of 3 attachments (photos, videos, articles, testimonials, etc).



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INTERGENERATIONAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026

The Research Excellence Award represents outstanding contributions to academic research in the field. This award recognises individual researchers and teams that are conducting research projects with a focus on intergenerational practice from a range of disciplines, utilising innovative methods that are contributing to an evidence base (including knowledge translation) to support intergenerational practice in society.

Award	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility criteria - To be eligible for this award, nominees must be:	• Leading current intergenerational practiced focused research with data collection completed in the last 2 years • Researchers at any career stages.
Assessment criteria [Choose up to five standards; up to 300 words per criteria]	1. Significance of research: Identify which Australian Intergenerational Minimum Standards is/are the primary focus of the research: • Reciprocal learning • Social cohesion • Age discrimination and stereotyping • Mutual relationships • Program management • Program evaluation • Practitioner values • Intergenerational equity • Participant environment • Leadership and succession planning Buy standards here • Explain the research problem, aim, or hypothesis in the context of the selected standard(s), and articulate how the work advances knowledge, policy, or practice relating to that standard. • Address the significance, breadth, and implications of the research's contribution to the chosen standard(s). 2. Research performance: research outcomes, including competitive research grants, publications, student supervision, etc. 3. Impact: Demonstrated research impact within and beyond academia (evidence of awards, presentations, policy, industry, community) 4. Collaboration/ Interdisciplinarity: participation in interdisciplinary research and/or collaborative projects with external partners 5. Research integrity: commitment to responsible research practices and contributing to an inclusive, ethical research culture.



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INTERGENERATIONAL PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR 2026

This award honours an individual practitioner who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and impact in advancing intergenerational practice. The recipient will be someone who has gone above and beyond in creating opportunities for meaningful intergenerational interactions, fostering inclusive and age-friendly communities. This practitioner will have shown innovative approaches to addressing challenges, a commitment to evidence-based practices, and a passion for building lasting relationships between generations. Their work should serve as an inspiration to others in the field and contribute significantly to the growth of intergenerational initiatives in Australia.

Award	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility criteria - To be eligible for this award, nominees must be:	• Work within Australia, with contributions benefiting local communities. • Demonstrate active engagement in intergenerational practice and commitment to professional development in the field. • Showcase leadership and innovation • Be an AIIP member (individual membership or affiliated with a member organisation).
[Choose up to five standards; up to 300 words per criteria]	Be currently involved in implementing and sustaining intergenerational practice in the past 12 months. How well does your practice meet the Australian Intergenerational Minimum Standards? • Reciprocal learning • Social cohesion • Age discrimination and stereotyping • Mutual relationships • Program management • Program evaluation • Practitioner values • Intergenerational equity • Participant environment • Leadership and succession planning Buy standards here
Optional Materials	Maximum of 3 attachments (photos, videos, articles, testimonials, etc).