

AVETRA Journal Article of the Year

A 'VET Journal Article of the Year' award has been instituted, which is awarded each year at the AVETRA conference for papers published the previous year. The aim of the award is to recognise excellent scholarship on the part of an AVETRA member, and to help to raise the profile of the scholarly work being done by AVETRA members. The winner is awarded a certificate and a plaque.

Applications

Rules

Current-year financial AVETRA members only are eligible to apply. Members must have been a financial member in both the year of the paper's publication and the year in which the award is made.

Only papers in peer-reviewed journals that have a publication date of the previous calendar year are eligible (ie for the award presented in 2017, papers are to have been published in 2016, and so on)

Only papers on the ERA list as current at the time of the call for entries are eligible for entry.

Process

Members are to submit **no more than one** of their journal articles to the AVETRA Secretariat by the Friday 31 March 2017 for judging to take place during March. The entry is to be accompanied by a cover sheet and the cover sheet will be dated by the secretariat on receipt, as well as current CVs of the author/s.

Entrants must provide an e-copy of the paper as approved for publication (eg from the journal web site, or scanned copy of hard copy, or failing that from a university's institutional repository). This is the responsibility of the author.

For joint-authored papers, **only the first author may submit the paper** and must get signatures or emails from other authors to agree to submission. These permissions must be submitted with the paper.

No two authors can submit separate papers from the same research project.

A chair of the process (who will be an AVETRA Executive member) and a panel of Executive members will be nominated by AVETRA Executive. Extra members may be co-opted if necessary.

Judges may not enter papers in the competition and may not work in the same institution as any of the candidates, may not be involved in the relevant research project or in other current research collaborations, or have other conflicts of interest (eg relative or PhD supervisor).

The chair establishes *prima facie* eligibility of papers.

Judges complete an evaluation form for each paper and the Chair collates the results and forwards a recommendation to the AVETRA Officers for approval.

The decision of the panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Feedback is not given to authors.

Judging criteria and recording sheet

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

CRITERION	<u>COMMENTS</u>	SCORE
1. Clarity and relevance of focus: Clearly describes the issue, which must be related clearly to VET		/10
2. Coverage: Demonstrates a comprehensive coverage of the relevant body of literature, adequately synthesised.		/10
3. Rationale: Presents a clear rationale, model and/or theoretical basis for the paper.		/10
4. Method: The research method or other methods adopted in the study to explore the issue are appropriate and properly explained, and limitations are acknowledged		/10
5. Quality of Writing: Written in a clear, unambiguous, concise and interesting manner.		/20
6. Findings: Findings or other analysis are clearly explained and presented in a well-organised manner		/10
7. Support for conclusions: Conclusions and assertions are supported from the evidence collected or presented.		/10
8. Contribution: The paper discusses an issue of significance to VET, and provides an innovative and/or substantial contribution to understanding of that issue.		/10
9. Applicability: Provides information that is relevant and useful for any of the following: VET teachers/trainers, VET teacher educators, policy personnel.		/10
	<u>TOTAL</u>	/100

OTHER RELEVANT COMMENTS

I certify that there is no conflict of interest in my evaluating this paper

Signed..... Date.....