
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Excellence in Health Journalism Awards
Submission Information 2026

Awards submissions are to be lodged by
11:59pm Thursday 24 September 2026.



OVERVIEW

The award will recognise journalists who have contributed the best work on Health Journalism for the period commencing 1 July 2025 to 31 July 26

Their journalism will have broadened community understanding of health issues and/or events and explained or examined related policies, technologies, trends and/or personnel in their chosen medium.

The overall winning journalist will receive a cash prize of **\$15,000** and have their name inscribed on the honour board permanently displayed at the National Press Club of Australia.

The Awards categories are:

- **Cancer:** Includes stories reporting on policy, services, affordability, research, innovation, prevention, oncology and clinical trials
- **Health Policy, Health Economics and Business:** Includes Medicare, private health, hospital, PBS, Pharmacy and allied health; and
- **Health Innovation:** Includes medical research, new technologies, data analytics to improve health care and genomic profiling

Each category winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.

The Award is proudly supported by Rare Cancers Australia and Omico

OBJECTIVES

To facilitate the recognition of and further promote quality journalism and media production on topics that are primarily concerned with or related to the health sector.

To encourage broader media coverage and documentaries on health issues.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

The award is open to all journalists who will have resided in Australia and worked as journalists between commencing 1 July 2025 to 31 July 26.

Entries will only be accepted for work published or broadcast between the above dates.

Submitted work must be the original work of the applicant.

Applicants must have at least 2 years' experience in journalism.

Joint applications will be accepted (NB: Prizes will be split).

Entries can be submitted in any medium and should be accompanied by a brief written statement backgrounding the submission and current CV of the applicant.

Applicants who have received any financial or in-kind sponsorship from an health sector corporation in relation to their entry must declare details and any conflict of interest.

Submissions may be in any media form.

Entries should be accompanied by a brief written statement backgrounding the submission and a current CV of the applicant.

Submissions should be **no more than 3 articles** showcasing the journalist's best work. CV, background statement and articles should all be collated in one document.

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Applications must be submitted at www.npc.org.au under the Rare CancersAustralia and Omico Excellence in Health Journalism Awards Website Submission Form.

N.B. All applicants will receive email confirmation that their submission has been received. Any applicant who does not receive confirmation should contact the awards coordinator at the National Press Club.

Applicants are required to disclose if their entry or related journalism is or has been subject to any form of litigation such as claims for defamation or libel etc. In any event, applicants will indemnify the National Press Club, its judges and corporate partners from any claim for damages and other financial settlements awarded by a court.

JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel is to be determined, and the independent panel of judges will include representatives from the Media and Health sectors.

PRESENTATION

The Award presentation will be made at a National Press Club Address at a date to be advised

The winner will receive a cash prize to the value of \$15,000 and have their name inscribed on the honour board permanently displayed at the National Press Club of Australia.

Award Partners

Rare Cancers Australia Ltd.

Rare Cancers Australia (RCA) is a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving outcomes for people living with rare and less common cancers. Through specialist cancer navigation, advocacy and system reform, RCA works to ensure people receive the right support, at the right time, throughout their cancer journey.

Omico

Omico is changing the way we fight cancer.

An independent, not-for-profit, organisation, Omico is providing Australians with equitable, accelerated access to cutting-edge, proven precision oncology.

Our role is to translate the latest scientific innovations into meaningful advances in clinical care, health policy and system reform, ensuring science delivers real-world benefit for patients. We unite Australia's leading cancer institutes, researchers, clinicians, industry partners, advocacy groups and government to facilitate a new way to tackle our most challenging cancers.

By harnessing a nationwide network of expertise, infrastructure and resources, we aim to improve outcomes for Australian cancer patients. By fast tracking molecular and genomic profiling, biomarker-led clinical trials and patient enrolment across the country, Omico is enabling access to next-generation treatments and preventive strategies for those who need them most.