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Guidelines

Min Ku Award

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The Min Ku Award

The Min Ku Award honours the life and legacy of Min Ku by recognising an ASMIRT member whose contribution reflects the qualities that made Min so valued within the Society and the medical radiation professions.

Min was known for her kindness, compassion, generosity, wisdom, infectious laugh and unwavering commitment to supporting others. She built connections, encouraged people to reach their potential, and strengthened the profession through service, mentorship and genuine care for those around her.

The award acknowledges an ASMIRT member whose actions and contribution reflect Min's legacy through a meaningful impact on others, ASMIRT and the medical radiation community. The award aligns with ASMIRT's vision of excellence in medical radiation practice and its values of Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion and Innovation.

Award Criteria

The recipient will demonstrate evidence across the following areas:

1. Compassion, Support and Inclusion

Demonstrates genuine care for others and fosters a respectful, supportive and inclusive professional community.

This may include:

- demonstrating kindness, empathy and respect in their interactions with others;
- creating an environment where people feel welcomed, valued and included; and
- supporting others during challenges or periods of professional growth.

2. Service and Generosity

Contributes beyond personal benefit through service to ASMIRT, its members or the profession.

This may include:

- volunteering time and expertise to ASMIRT activities, committees, events or initiatives;
- making sustained contributions that benefit members, the Society or the profession; and
- giving generously without expectation of recognition or personal gain.

3. Connection, Collaboration and Mentorship

Builds relationships, develops others and strengthens the professional community.

This may include:

- mentoring, coaching or guiding others in their professional development;
- connecting people with opportunities, resources or support; and

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- fostering collaboration across disciplines, career stages, practice areas or geographic locations.

4. Commitment to ASMIRT and the Profession

Demonstrates dedication to strengthening ASMIRT and advancing the medical radiation professions.

This may include:

- advocating for ASMIRT, its members and the medical radiation professions;
- contributing to education, research, innovation, professional development or practice improvement; and
- creating a positive and lasting impact on ASMIRT, the profession or the broader healthcare community

Eligibility

Nominees must:

- be a current financial ASMIRT member at the time of nomination;
- have made a meaningful contribution to ASMIRT, its members and the medical radiation professions; and
- demonstrate behaviours consistent with ASMIRT's values.

The award is open to members from all medical radiation professions, career stages, practice areas and geographic locations. There is no minimum ASMIRT membership period, recognising that meaningful contribution can occur at any stage of a professional career.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.
- The award may only be awarded to an individual once.
Posthumous nominations may be considered at the discretion of the Award review panel and ASMIRT Board.

Nomination process

Nominations may be submitted by any current ASMIRT member and should provide the following:

1. Nominee details

- Name
- ASMIRT membership details

2. Nomination Statement

Nominations should focus on the nominee's impact rather than simply listing positions held, activities undertaken, awards received or length of service. Nominators are encouraged to provide specific examples that demonstrate how the nominee's actions have met the award criteria.

Please address the following questions:

1. How has the nominee supported and positively influenced others?

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Please provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated compassion, support and inclusion, and the difference this has made to individuals.

2. How has the nominee demonstrated generosity and service resulting in significant and lasting benefits?

Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated qualities such as service and generosity, that provide ongoing benefits to the Medical Radiation Professions.

3. How does the nominee connect, develop and inspire others, demonstrating the spirit of the Min Ku Award?

Please provide examples of how the nominee has developed and connected with others to provide a lasting professional impact.

4. What impact has the nominee had on ASMIRT and/or the medical radiation professions?

Please describe how the nominee's contribution has impacted ASMIRT and / the medical radiation professions, including any influence on individuals, professional practice, education, research, advocacy, innovation or the broader professional community.

4. How does the nominee align with ASMIRT's values?

Please provide examples of how the nominee is recognised as a role model for others, with reference to ASMIRT's values.

Selection process

Nominations will be assessed annually by a Min Ku Award Selection Panel.

The Selection Panel should comprise:

- ASMIRT President
- one representative of the ASMIRT Membership Advocacy Committee;
- one representative from another ASMIRT lead committee
- ASMIRT Chief Executive officer or other senior member of ASMIRT staff

All Selection Panel members must declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest and must not participate in assessment where a conflict exists.

The Selection Panel will assess all eligible nominations against the published criteria and make a recommendation to the ASMIRT Board, who will provide final endorsement of the recipient.

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Recognition

At the ASMIRT Conference, the recipient will receive:

- the Min Ku Award;
- a commemorative award, trophy or medallion;
- formal recognition at the ASMIRT Annual conference; and
- recognition through appropriate ASMIRT communication channels, including the ASMIRT website and relevant publications.

A formal citation outlining the recipient's contribution and impact should accompany the presentation of the award.

The Min Ku Award will be presented annually, subject to the Selection Panel identifying a suitable recipient. Nominations will open and close at the same time as the other annual conference awards.

The Selection Panel may recommend that the award not be presented in a particular year if no nominee sufficiently demonstrates the spirit and criteria of the award.

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