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COTA Over 50s' Emerging Researchers Awards 2008

Background

Over 100 PhD students from all over Australia applied to attend the ARC / NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Masterclass in March 2008, hosted by the University of Queensland. The event was fully funded by the ARC / NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well and 36 of the applicants were offered a place on the Masterclass. Thirteen of these PhD students submitted research paper proposals for the COTA Over 50s' Postgraduate Research Awards in the field of ageing. Six proposals were selected for further development into full research papers.

Refereeing process applied in this issue

The proposals and full papers reflect current state of the art of research among PhD researchers in the field of ageing and were developed by the winning students, with the support of the ARC/NHMRC Research Network in Ageing Well and the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland. Input was also received from the students' own doctoral supervisors and from COTA Over 50s' policy research staff. They have been selected for their scholarly excellence and relevance to future research and COTA over 50s' own policy work.

Award ceremony

On 28th March 2008, the Executive Director of COTA Queensland, Mr Mark Tucker-Evans participated in a Masterclass panel discussion and presented six certificates of recognition issued by COTA Over 50s at the ERA Masterclass 2008 Awards ceremony.