

Liam and Frankie Davison Award

Secondary Students Literary Competition for outstanding achievement in literary writing Open from 9am Monday 1 March until 5pm Tuesday 2 April 2024

Each year RANZCOG invites senior secondary students residing in Australia or New Zealand to apply for the **Liam and Frankie Davison Award** for outstanding achievement in literary writing on Women's Health. Up to two awards are offered each year and the winning entrants will receive \$1000 in AUD or NZD as applicable, based on country of residence.

Launched in 2014, the RANZCOG Secondary Schools Literary Competition was renamed in 2015 in honour of RANZCOG staff member and award-winning author, Liam Davison and his wife Frankie, a secondary school teacher, in recognition of their shared passion for nurturing and encouraging young writers.

What is RANZCOG?

- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) is the leading body responsible for the training and education of doctors in obstetrics and gynaecology in Australia and New Zealand
- RANZCOG is committed to the establishment and maintenance of the highest possible standards of practice in women's health and provides programs in training, accreditation and continuing professional development that are responsive to the evolving health care needs of women.
- RANZCOG supports research and advocacy for women's health by forging productive relationships with individuals, the community, and professional organisations, both locally and internationally.

Possible Topics

- Cultural/Social: family structures, social norms, crime and punishment, Indigenous women's health, career choice and motherhood
- Political: public vs private health care, women's health policies and legislation
- Ethical/Legal: termination of pregnancy, contraception - treatment and availability, legal status of foetus, informed consent for minors, health care for women with special needs, surrogacy
- Technological: access and use of technology in women's health, advances in technology, robotic surgery
- Other: Eating disorders and / or body image, women's health and nutrition, the impact of the internet and online self-diagnosis
- Obstetrics: ultrasound in antenatal care, Caesarean delivery, complications in childbirth, postnatal depression
- Gynaecology: contraception, sexually transmitted infections, fertility, incontinence
- Gender related issues or topics

Writing Tips

You can use any style of writing that suits your topic. This might be personal (e.g. diary, letters, interview), informative (e.g. essay, article), analytical (e.g. for & against), imaginative (e.g. diary, letters, narrative, interview), instructional (e.g. 'how-to...'), argumentative (e.g. opinion piece). Great ideas can be let down by poor execution. Develop ideas thoroughly and organise your writing - ensure it has a clear structure and style.

- Ensure the written piece is between 500-1000 words.
- Be original in your topic.
- Opinion pieces need to present a well-balanced and critical discussion of the issue that examines both sides of an argument.
- Check your spelling and grammar thoroughly. Proofread your submission yourself, then ask a friend, teacher or relative if they can read it through.
- Attribute your sources accurately; do not use material from websites, texts or other sources without stating where it came from. Articles will be checked using an online plagiarism checker.
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The Terms and Conditions of Entry, Application Form and previous years' winning entries can be accessed via the RANZCOG website at: [Liam and Frankie Davison Award](#).

If you have any further queries, please contact the RANZCOG Scholarships and Grants Coordinator on +61 3 9412 2916 or email foundation@ranzcof.edu.au