

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS

1. What is the President's Award for Early Childhood Professionals?

The President's Award for Early Childhood Professionals is the highest individual honour under the ECDA Awards framework. It recognises exemplary early childhood and early intervention professionals whose sustained excellence and leadership have had a meaningful impact beyond their own organisations.

2. Why is ECDA introducing the President's Award for Early Childhood Professionals?

The President's Award is introduced to recognise professionals whose sustained excellence and leadership have advanced early childhood practice at a sector-wide level. It complements ECDA's Quality Preschools 2030 vision by setting a clear benchmark for professional impact and influence across the sector.

3. How is the President's Award different from the ECDA Awards?

The ECDA Awards recognise excellence in specific professional roles across the early childhood and early intervention sectors. The President's Award is distinct in that it recognises individuals whose contributions have had a broader, profession-wide impact beyond their immediate roles or organisations.

4. Who is eligible for the President's Award?

There will be no separate nomination process for the President's Award. Candidates for the President's Award will be shortlisted from the nominees of the Outstanding Award across the five individual ECDA Awards categories, ensuring a high bar of professional excellence and impact.

5. How will recipients be assessed?

Candidates will be assessed through a rigorous assessment process overseen by an independent judging panel, based the information submitted and additional interview(s). Panel members will be appointed for their expertise, professional standing, and sector knowledge in early childhood and early intervention. The panel will evaluate candidates based on the breadth, depth, and sustainability of their contributions, and their impact on the profession and the sector.