ITAC 2021
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Innovative Technology in Assisted Care (ITAC) Conference 2021 Awards Applications

Applications are invited for innovative solutions/developments that demonstrate a focus on improving the lives of the aged and people living with disabilities.

1. Awards Overview

Submissions from providers and software companies across the disability, residential, aged care, home/community care and retirement living sectors are invited for the following categories.

The Award Categories are:

1. Excellence in software application implementation
2. Excellence in collaboration
3. Excellence in app development
4. Excellence in Business Intelligence (BI) development
5. Excellence in cyber security development
6. Rising Star Award
7. Meritorious Development Award

2. Key Information

1. All submissions must be completed via the online submission portal link available on the ITAC website www.itacconference.com.au

2. Multiple submissions can be made for different categories, but the same submission can only be made for a single category. If submitting multiple submissions, each submission must be substantially different.

   Submissions from software companies must be in collaboration with a disability/aged care provider and demonstrate a solution in a practical case study scenario. Submissions from vendors alone will not be accepted.

   All submissions must be backed by evidence of the impact of adopting the technology. Applications will be assessed according to the quality of this evidence. It is noted that submissions with external evaluation methodologies, consumer evaluations, research and analysis etc. will be considered more favourably.

3. Finalists will be required to provide a video not exceeding 2 minutes in duration supporting their application and agree to their submission being viewed by ITAC 2021 conference attendees, and published on the ITAC website. Videos should focus on highlighting the benefits to the end user, improvements in efficiency and effectiveness, better service quality etc. Applicants are responsible for obtaining consent from all individuals in the video and photographs that are submitted. Finalists are not expected to engage a professional video production house. Videos created using a smartphone are acceptable.

4. The company logo (jpg format) and 3 digital high-resolution photos are required with the submission. Photos are to be of the facility and of the hardware / software in use.

5. Submissions must acknowledge the key individuals and organisations that contributed to the application.

6. All submissions will be reviewed by the Awards Judges.

7. Finalists are required to attend the Awards Gala Dinner to be held Wednesday 10th March 2021.

8. Submissions close: Friday 30th October 2020 and finalists notified: Tuesday 1st December 2020.

3. *The ITAC* – An award in excellence

The best submission across all categories, as judged by the judging panel, shall receive $10,000 that must be used to further the deployment of technology that ultimately assists people living with a disability or receiving aged care support services.

The recipient of *The ITAC* must agree to attend the following year's ITAC conference and provide a short presentation on how the funds were expended.

The funds will be deposited into the bank account of the recipient's employer.

If there are no submissions received that the judging panel believe warrant the awarding of *The ITAC*, the ITAC Committee may elect to not award the prize.

4. Judging Criteria

The selection criteria are outlined as a guide to assist in completing submissions, however, highlights of inspirational aspects are encouraged.

The judging panel will be nominated by the ITAC 2021 Organising Committee, under the auspices of the ACIITC, and will consist of people considered qualified to review award submissions.

Awards will be made at the sole discretion of the judging panel. Please note that the judging panel will only make awards to entries considered to have reached an appropriate standard.

Submissions must address the following general criteria:

- How does it benefit the disability, residential, home/community care or retirement living sectors?
- What does it do, or do better than existing or competing solutions, to improve the lives of people living with a disability, the elderly, or other disadvantaged groups?
- What consultation and/or co-design was undertaken with consumers and/or their families.
- Has it resulted in increased efficiencies and/or better care and support?
- Provide evidence of the improvement in quality of care or service.
- In what way is it innovative or original?
- What is the demonstrated Return on Investment (financial and non-financial)?
- How does it enhance the daily lives of people living with a disability or older Australians?
- Where possible, provide case studies that demonstrate the success of the solution.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR EACH CATEGORY IS DETAILED BELOW AND PROVIDED FOR ON THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.

AWARD	JUDGING CRITERIA
1. Excellence in software application implementation	1. Identify the issues that initiated implementation. 2. Comment on progress against the project plan and budget. 3. Identify any innovative aspects of the implementation. 4. Provide evidence, research and independent evaluation of the application, along with what quality improvements it made. 5. Describe the challenges the project encountered. 6. Detail the benefits the implementation delivered to users/residents/clients. 7. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.
2. Excellence in collaboration	1. Explain the background leading to a collaboration. 2. Describe the skills and expertise each party contributed to the project. 3. Detail the benefits the collaboration delivered to users/residents/clients. 4. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.

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3. Excellence in app development	1. Identify the issues that initiated development of the app. 2. Comment on progress against the project plan and budget. 3. Identify any innovative aspects of the app. 4. Describe the challenges the project encountered. 5. Detail the benefits the app delivered to users/residents/clients. 6. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.
4. Excellence in Business Intelligence (BI) development	1. Identify the issues that initiated the adoption of BI. 2. Comment on progress against the project plan and budget. 3. Detail the benefits achieved from investing in BI. 4. Identify any innovative aspects from using BI. 5. Describe the challenges the project encountered. 6. Detail the benefits BI has delivered to users/residents/clients. 7. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.
5. Excellence in cyber security development	1. Comment on the risk assessments that initiated the cyber security development. 2. Identify any innovative aspects of the development. 3. Describe the challenges the project encountered. 4. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.
6. Rising Star Award	1. The nominee must be an individual who has less than five years' experience in the IT/Aged Care/Disability sectors. 2. Document the nominee's journey through the IT/Aged Care/Disability sectors. 3. Detail the achievements of the nominee. 4. Detail the nominee's commitment to improving the lives of people living with a disability or receiving aged care services. 5. Describe why the nominee is deserving of recognition.
7. Meritorious Development Award	1. In what way is the development innovative? 2. What need was the system responding to – where did the idea come from? 3. Detail any consultation and/or co-design undertaken. 4. Detail any barriers that were encountered and how they were overcome. 5. Confirm how the success of the project was measured.

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