

# Bryan Gandevia Prize

## Australian Military History

The Australian War Memorial is now calling for submissions for the 2021 Bryan Gandevia Prize for Australian military-medical history

A generous bequest by the family and friends of the late Professor Bryan Gandevia in 2009 enabled the establishment of a prize to commemorate Professor Gandevia's contribution to the development of Australian military and medical history and to the research and publication activities of the Australian War Memorial. The prize is one of the most generous awards for early career researchers specialising in Australian history.

The Bryan Gandevia Prize, worth \$5,000, is awarded biennially, and is open to outstanding honours, masters, or doctoral theses on a significant subject on military, social, or medical aspects of Australian wartime history. The prize is intended to assist scholars in the early stages of their research careers and may be used to facilitate publication of their work or to further their research interests.

The 2021 prize is open to theses submitted, examined, and passed since 1 July 2018. Applications will close on 16 July 2021 and the award will be announced by the Director of the Australian War Memorial in November 2021. Details for submitting applications are provided overleaf and are posted on the Australian War Memorial website:

[http://www.awm.gov.au/research/grants/gandevia\\_prize](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/grants/gandevia_prize)

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## Background

Bryan Gandevia (1925–2006) graduated in 1948 with a degree in medicine from the University of Melbourne, and subsequently enlisted in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps. He served as an officer in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan; then as Regimental Medical Officer with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in Korea. He later wrote a history of the medical and surgical aspects of that period of the Korean War.

Over the following decades Dr Gandevia was appointed Associate Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the Prince of Wales Hospital, University of New South Wales, and published a number of books and academic papers on various aspects of the history of medicine. From 1967 to 1983 he served on the Australian War Memorial Board of Trustees and subsequently as a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial.

Dr Gandevia was a vigorous advocate of historical scholarship within the Memorial and he actively promoted the development of research and publication in Australian military history. For further information on the life of this remarkable man, see Simon Gandevia, "An Australian army doctor: Bryan Gandevia", in Ashley Ekins and Elizabeth Stewart (eds), *War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict*, Exisle Publishing, 2011.

## Eligibility

The Bryan Gandevia Prize of \$5,000 is awarded biennially for an outstanding honours, masters, or doctoral thesis based on a significant subject on military, social, or medical aspects of Australian wartime history. To be eligible, theses must have been completed, submitted, and examined in the preceding two-year period and assessed by examiners as meritorious.

## Assessment

Submitted theses will be judged by a panel made up of historians from within the Memorial and external academic referees. They will select the most outstanding and original thesis that makes a significant contribution to scholarship and knowledge of military, social, or medical aspects of Australian wartime history.

## Applications

Two spiral- or comb-bound copies of the thesis should be submitted, together with copies of examiners' reports, an official transcript of the student's academic record, and a covering letter from the student's supervisor. Submissions are to be made to the Military History Section of the Australian War Memorial by 16 July 2021.

Covering letters should provide the applicant's full contact details, as well as a statement regarding the provenance of the thesis and the significance of the contribution to military, social, or medical aspects of Australian wartime history. Authors will retain full copyright and intellectual property rights to their work, but submitted theses will not be returned.