



THE SOCIETY OF SPORTS THERAPISTS

Professor Graham N. Smith Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sports Therapy

Nomination Form

The Professor Graham N. Smith Award recognises a current member of The Society of Sports Therapists who has made an exceptional contribution with significant and lasting impact on Sports Therapy, the Society, or the people and communities it serves.

This award recognises the significance and impact of a particular contribution or body of work. A nominee does not need to demonstrate achievement across multiple areas of Sports Therapy. An outstanding contribution in one area may be sufficient where there is compelling evidence of its significance and impact.

1. Nominee details

Full name:

SST membership number:

Current role:

Organisation:

Email:

Contact number:

2. Nominator details

Full name:

Organisation:

Role:

Relationship to nominee:

SST membership number (if applicable):

Email:

Contact number:

Nominations may be submitted by current SST members, academic institutions, employers, professional colleagues or partner organisations. Self-nominations are not permitted.

Please confirm:

☐ I am not nominating myself.

☐ To the best of my knowledge, the nominee meets the eligibility requirements for this award.

3. Eligibility

The nominee must be a current member of The Society of Sports Therapists, have been a member for a minimum of two years, be in good professional standing with no current disciplinary sanctions, and have made an outstanding contribution to Sports Therapy, the Society or the wider community. Ex-Directors are eligible; Directors are not eligible while they remain in office. The award may be made posthumously at the discretion of the Awards Panel or Board.

SST will verify eligibility before nominations are considered by the Awards Panel.

4. The outstanding contribution

What is the outstanding contribution you are nominating this individual for?

Please describe the particular contribution, initiative, body of work or achievement for which you believe the nominee should receive the award. Explain what they did and their role in the contribution. You do not need to provide an overview of the nominee's entire career.

Response (maximum 300 words):

Which area best describes the contribution? Please select all that apply:

☐ Innovation and advancement

☐ Clinical practice and patient care

☐ Education and student development

☐ Research and scholarship

☐ Leadership and professional influence

- ☐ Advocacy and promotion of Sports Therapy
- ☐ Service to The Society of Sports Therapists
- ☐ Community or public benefit
- ☐ Development of professional standards
- ☐ Other significant contribution to Sports Therapy:

5. Nomination Statement

Please explain why you believe this individual should receive the Professor Graham Smith Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sports Therapy. Your statement should focus on the specific contribution described above and explain its significance and impact.

You may wish to consider:

Quality and originality

What made the contribution exceptional, innovative, original or influential? Did it go beyond what would normally be expected of the nominee's role?

Evidence and impact

What difference did the contribution make? Please provide specific examples or evidence of changes, outcomes or benefits resulting from the contribution.

Reach and professional significance

Who benefited from the contribution, and why does it matter to Sports Therapy, the Society or the wider community?

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Response (maximum 1,500 words):

6. Professional Biography

Please provide a brief professional biography of the nominee, including their current role and relevant professional experience.

Professional biography (maximum 250 words):

7. Supporting statements

Two supporting statements are required. These can be provided by colleagues, employers, academic contacts, professional partners or other individuals who can comment on the nominee's contribution and its impact.

Statements do not need to be formal references, but should provide specific examples of the nominee's contribution, impact or professional significance rather than simply confirming that they are deserving of the award.

Supporting statement 1

Name:

Role/organisation:

Relationship to nominee:

Email:

Supporting statement:

Supporting statement 2

Name:

Role/organisation:

Relationship to nominee:

Email:

Supporting statement:

8. Supporting evidence

Supporting evidence may be submitted where appropriate to demonstrate the quality, impact, reach or significance of the contribution. This could include published work or guidance, data or measurable outcomes, testimonials, evidence of adoption by others, awards or recognition directly related to the contribution, relevant media coverage, educational or professional resources, or evidence of changes to practice, policy or standards.

Supporting evidence:

9. Nominator declaration

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this nomination is true and accurate. I understand that the information and supporting evidence provided may be shared with the independent Awards Panel for the purposes of assessing this nomination. I confirm that this is not a self-nomination and that I have the nominee's permission to submit this nomination.

Nominator signature:

Date:

10. Submission checklist

- ☐ Completed nomination form
- ☐ Nomination statement (maximum 1,500 words)
- ☐ Professional biography
- ☐ Two supporting statements
- ☐ Supporting evidence, where appropriate
- ☐ Nominator declaration completed and signed

Please ensure all required information and supporting documentation are provided with your nomination. Incomplete nominations may not be considered.

Nominations close on 1 November 2026.