

Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand Fellowship Award Citation Rhiannon Braund FPS June 2018



Associate Professor Braund is a pharmacist who has had a very significant impact on pharmacy at a national and local level through teaching, research, publishing, and governance roles.

Rhiannon received a BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Otago in 1998, followed by a BPharm in 2001, and a PhD in 2008, also from the University of Otago.

Rhiannon started work at the School of Pharmacy at the University of Otago in 2005. She has been a highly respected and capable tutor of our future pharmacists, encouraging their acquisition of knowledge and curiosity. She has won multiple awards for her teaching, including, Best Lecturer Award from the 2016 and 2017 BPharm graduating class, and in 2012 received the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for Tertiary Teaching Excellence, the Ako Aotearoa Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award and the University of Otago Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award. Rhiannon was a finalist in the MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year in 2008 and an Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Programmes at the School of Pharmacy. Rhiannon has supervised five PhD and 2 Masters students to completion, developed teaching programmes, and conducted many pharmacy practice research projects. She is passionate about preparing pharmacy students for working clinically and being ready for the new pharmacy services. She has published 50 peer review papers, a book and three book chapters. Rhiannon has recently moved to the New Zealand Pharmacovigilance Centre, and her strong capabilities in the pharmacy sector will surely be missed at the School of Pharmacy, but her focus on the safe use of medicines will continue to impact pharmacy and our communities.

Rhiannon's enthusiasm about supporting pharmacists and collecting evidence to help inform consideration of new services has been clear. Rhiannon worked on the research of the Pharmacy Accuracy Checking Technician project, working with the Pharmaceutical Society to prove the model that has since been rolled out by the Society. She has also collected data on Medicines Use Reviews, better known as MUR, which has been heavily involved in setting up clinical pharmacist roles in the Southern Primary Health Workforce. She has worked on research around the new services of trimethoprim and sildenafil.

Rhiannon was on the Preregistration Assessment Board (PRAB) of the Pharmacy Council 2006-2012, and continues to work with them as a subject matter expert for the intern exam.

At a local level, Rhiannon has been highly involved with the local Branch activities, including being President of the Otago Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society and on an advisory group to the WellSouth Primary Health Network. She has assisted the New Zealand Police in their Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

In governance roles, Rhiannon has been a member of the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association Executive Council since 2011, and was elected to the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand National Executive in 2017. She sits on the University of Otago Committee for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and the Health Science First Year Strategic Management Committee.

Rhiannon has had a significant impact on pharmacy in New Zealand and is a very deserving recipient of a Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand.