



The Australian Society for Medical Research

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The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) is committed to fostering excellence in health and medical research and promoting community understanding and support for medical research. Health and medical research includes efforts that focus on new modes of disease prevention, as well as making advances in understanding the biological basis of disease and the development and testing of new treatments for disease. The ASMR Queensland Health & Medical Research Awards are an initiative of the ASMR and are made annually to recognise the outstanding efforts and contributions of Queensland researchers. Queensland Government is the sole sponsor.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be (or have applied to become) members of the ASMR and their health and medical research project should have been completed in Queensland. Work performed outside Queensland must be specifically acknowledged.
- Applicants must be conducting research in a health-related discipline e.g. health and medical research scientists including public health scientists, clinical researchers including nursing, or allied health researchers.
- Applicants must sign and agree with the Media disclaimer on the ASMR website.
- All finalists must be available to give an oral presentation on **Friday 25th May 2018, starting 8:00AM** at the Translational Research Institute (TRI) (Video-conference options will be available if you are unable to attend in person).
- Finalists must attend the ASMR Medical Research Week® Queensland Gala Dinner on **Friday 1st June 2018 (from 6:30PM)** to be held in Brisbane (venue TBA) at their own (or institute's/school's) cost.
- Finalists must make themselves available for media interviews during ASMR Medical Research Week® (May 25th to June 1st 2018).
- Previous winners of an ASMR Queensland Health & Medical Research Award (previously Premier's Awards) may not apply again within the same award category; however, previous winners may apply if they meet the eligibility requirements for a different award category.
- Applicants can submit only one application per award category.

Award Categories

Four Award categories will be considered:

Postgraduate Student Award – Applicants must be current enrolled students or be no more than one year since graduating from a higher degree at the closing date of the awards. The research must have been performed by the applicant and must not contain any post-degree work.

Early-Career Researcher Award – Applicants can be up to five years (inclusive) of completing a higher degree at the closing date of the awards. Research work must have been performed primarily by the applicant with any contribution by others specifically acknowledged.

Mid-Career Researcher Award - Applicants must be more than five years but no more than twelve years (inclusive) of completing a higher degree at the closing date of the awards. Research work should have been performed by the applicant or by students or research staff under direct supervision of the applicant. Applicants must not hold a position higher than Academic Level C (Senior Lecturer/Senior Research Fellow) or equivalent.

Clinical Researcher Award - To be eligible for this category you must be a health professional dedicated to patient care. This includes, but is not limited to, those from the medical, nursing and allied health professions. Applicants must be working in their field either full-time or part-time equivalent and be within ten years (inclusive) since completion of their highest degree/qualification at the closing date of the awards. Research work should have been performed by the applicant (minimum of 50%) or by students or research staff under direct supervision of the applicant.

Career Disruption

Career disruptions will be considered in calculating eligibility for awards. Any relevant career disruptions need to be clearly outlined in a separate word document included with your CV and publications.

Career disruption may be considered when determining applicant's eligibility and/or achievements. A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work, due to pregnancy; major illness; carer responsibilities including parental leave and care for immediate family (e.g. spouse, children or elderly parent), or work within industry (with no capacity to be involved with medical research).

Note that clinical work cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption if applying for the Clinical Researcher Award, and teaching roles (within a University or Clinical environment) cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption for any award.

Award Prizes

- (i) **Post-Graduate Student Award** – The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$1000.
- (ii) **Early-Career Researcher Award** – The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$2000.
- (iii) **Mid-Career Researcher Award** - The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$3000.
- (iv) **Clinical Researcher Award** - The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$3000.

Presentation of the Awards

The presentation of the Awards will take place at the ASMR Medical Research Week® Queensland Gala Dinner on Friday 1st June 2018 (Venue TBA from 6:30PM). All finalists are required to purchase Dinner Tickets through the ASMR website and be present at the Gala event. Prizes cannot be received by others.

Application procedure

Applications are to be submitted online on the ASMR website:

<https://asmr.org.au/asmr-mrw/queensland/>

Application deadline is Tuesday 3rd April 2018 (midnight).

Please note: late applications will not be accepted.

Please complete all information as required on the website.

The website should be used to submit a Word Document containing:

- (i) **Lay Abstract (150 words, plain text, no figures, no references)**, a short paragraph explaining the research and its significance in non-technical language. Include title, authors and affiliations (these will not count towards the word count).
- (ii) **Scientific Abstract (300 words, plain text, no figures, no references)**, a complete scientific description of the research including its significance to health and medicine. Include title, authors and affiliations (these will not count towards the word count).
- (iii) **CV (two A4 page maximum)**
 - a. Include the applicant's email address and contact details on the top of the page.
 - b. Outline contributions to the community through leadership on committees, organising conferences and professional development. Evidence of other contributions to the wider community by volunteering within their own industry, in other areas of interest or charitable work. Include the duration and level of involvement in these activities and if the nominee held a leadership role.
- (iv) **Publications (two A4 page limit)**
 - a. Only include published or accepted publications. Do not include publications under review, submitted or in preparation. Do not include published abstracts, conference proceedings, and/or conference presentations.
 - b. Only include top 3 relevant applications for post-graduates and top 5 relevant publications within the last five years for early- and mid- career researchers, and clinical research awards.
 - c. Outline contribution to the publication and the impact of each publication, including (but not limited to) number of citations, novel reporting of findings and impact on disease management, communities or health policies.
- (v) **Career Disruptions (optional) (one A4 page maximum)**
 - a. Clearly outline any career disruptions. For each career disruption calculate the full time equivalent months (e.g. six months working at 0.5 FTE is equivalent to three months at 1.0 FTE) (one page limit).

Formatting of the Word document:

- Margins 2cm
- Font Times Roman size 12
- All pages of document must include a header that includes the name, award category for which to be considered, and application section (e.g. John Smith, Postdoctoral Research Award, Lay Abstract)
- The Word document file should be labelled with either of the following file names depending on the award category:

"[LAST NAME]_[INITIALS]_PG.docx" for the Postgraduate Student Award;

"[LAST NAME]_[INITIALS]_ECR.docx" for the Early-Career Resercher Award;

"[LAST NAME]_[INITIALS]_MCR.docx" for the Mid-Career Researcher Award;

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"[LAST NAME]_[INITIALS]_CR.docx" for the Clinical Researcher Award.

Do not include parentheses or spaces in the file name but do include the underscore. e.g. JONES_JE_PG.doc

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Applications exceeding character/page limitations or in the incorrect format will be rejected.

Finalist Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged under the following criteria:

- (i) Quality of Abstract (50%)
- (ii) Significance/Contribution (current or expected) of the work in the context of Health and Medicine (25%)
- (iii) Curriculum Vitae and Publications (25%)

Three finalists in each of the **Postgraduate Student, Early-Career, Mid-Career and Clinical Researcher categories** will be selected by a judging panel to give an oral presentation (10 min + 5 min discussion) at the Translational Research Institute, Woolloongabba, on Friday 25th May 2018 from 8:00AM.

Seminar Judging Criteria

The judging panels will select a winner for each category based upon the oral presentations. Seminars will be judged on the following criteria:

- (i) Scientific merit (25%)
The study should be of scientific importance based on peer-reviewed literature and have clearly stated objectives and research questions. Clear and sound methodology that aligns with the research questions, ethical considerations, quality and persuasiveness of the data.
- (ii) Innovation (25%)
Is the study original and innovative? For example: Does the study challenge the existing paradigms, clinical practices, health policies, address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier to progress in the field? Does the project develop novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies for the proposed area? Does the study include strong collaborations and a clear plan for translation of the potential findings from basic to preclinical studies?
- (iii) Communication skills (25%)
Presentation of the research work in a clear concise manner understandable by the general public from a multidisciplinary background within the given time frame and ability to answer questions.
- (iv) Proposed outcome and benefit to the community (health and industry) (25%)
Does the study address an important problem? If the aims have been achieved, how will scientific knowledge or clinical practice be advanced? What will be the effect of the study on the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services or preventative interventions that drive the field. What is the potential impact of the research on the advancement of science?

Recommendations by the judging panels and the selection of Award recipients are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I apply for more than one award category?

No, applicants can only apply for one category each year.

I am unsure if I am a current member of ASMR, how can I find out?

Contact ASMR directly (asmr@asmr.org.au). ASMR will check each applicant for current membership and will contact any applicants that are not current members.

I am not a current member of ASMR, how do I become a member so I can submit my application?

First, apply to become a member of ASMR online (<https://asmr.org.au/membership/how-to-join/>), then submit your application online at <https://asmr.org.au/asmr-mrw/queensland/>.

Can I include conference presentations and published abstracts in my publication list?

No. Only include published (or accepted) research articles, reviews, book chapters, editorials and commentaries.

Does the research need to be published or unpublished?

The research can be published, unpublished or a combination.

Can Honours and/or Masters students apply for the Postgraduate Student Award?

Yes, Honours and Masters students are eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Student Award. Summer students are not eligible.

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