The ASMR welcomes submission of abstracts for consideration as oral or poster presentations at the 63rd ASMR National Scientific Conference. Please follow the guidelines below when preparing your abstract. As abstract submission is part of the registration process, please have your abstract ready to upload at the time of registration.

Abstracts can be nominated in the following categories:

* Oral presentation
* Poster presentation
* Either an oral or poster presentation

We welcome abstracts from across the health and medical research sector, there is no restriction on focus area or stage of the submitted research.

Presentation preference will be accommodated where possible. However, in lodging an abstract submission the author accepts presentation style allocated by the Programming Committee. Authors will be notified by email of abstract acceptance and type of presentation.

**Abstract submissions close on 13 September 2024**

Final registrations will close on 17 October 2024.

Online registration and details are available at <https://asmr.org.au/asmr-nsc/>

**Presentations:**

Please indicate presentation preference in the application form below. Presentation preference will be accommodated where possible. However, in lodging an abstract submission the author accepts presentation style allocated by the Programming Committee.

*Oral presentation:* **8-minute presentation + 2 minutes question time.** No limit to slide number. All presentations must be e-mailed to Tiffany Tan (cheowyuen.tan@adelaide.edu.au) by 17 October 2024.

*Poster presentation****:* 3-minute presentation + 2 minutes question time.** Posters must be 1.0 m wide x 1.2 m tall, including title, authors, address, text and data. Posters must be readable from a distance of 1.5 metres. Presenters are expected to stand by their posters and answer question during the allocated times.

**Awards and eligibility:**

There are several award opportunities available at the ASMR NSC, but all require eligibility criteria to be met.

**You must be an ASMR member or have applied for membership prior to submission of your abstract to be considered for any of the awards**

**ASMR Membership:**

Benefits of being an ASMR member include advocacy for health and medical research, professional development and networking opportunities, support for students and ECRs, and free/discounted registration for Medical Research Week® events and conferences around Australia. Apply for membership online here:<https://asmr.org.au/membership/how-to-join/> If you require assistance in finding a current ASMR member to nominate you, please contact: [events@asmr.org.au](mailto:events@asmr.org.au).

Awards will be judged by a panel of researchers for the clarity of presentation, the quality of data, the relevance of your work to your hypothesis and a clear demonstration of the importance of your work to health and medical research and the community.

* The **Ross Wishart Memorial Award:** This award is open to South Australian researchers only. Finalists will be expected to give an ORAL presentation. You must be either a PhD student in your final year of your degree or have just completed your PhD (no more than one-year post-conferral). A TWO-page CV, including publications, awards received and contributions to the community should be provided on abstract submission. Applicants not adhering to these guidelines will NOT be considered for this award. Winner will receive a $1000 prize. As a condition of this award all finalists will be required to present a ‘snapshot’ of their research at the ASMR South Australian Annual Gala Dinner on Monday 21 October 2024.
* The **Campion-Ma-Playoust Memorial Award:** Presented for the overall best presentation (oral or poster) at the National Scientific Meeting by a student or ECR member.
* The **ASMR Peter Doherty Leading Light Award** celebrates the achievements of a mid-career researcher (5 – 12 years post-doctoral). The award will consider a single piece of work undertaken within the past 5 years (i.e., after 21 October 2019). Applications for this award are assessed separately and application forms can be found on the ASMR website.
* **Undergraduate/Honours Oral and Poster presentation awards:** Open to Honours students or students undertaking a research placement, enrolled in their program from June 2023 onwards.
* **Research Assistant Oral and Poster presentation awards:** Open to researchers who have not previously completed a higher degree by research and who are currently employed as a research assistant or equivalent role. Research assistants may also choose to be considered in the ECR category.
* **Postgraduate Oral and Poster presentation awards:** Open to researchers who are currently undertaking postgraduate study, such as a PhD or Master’s degree. Must be currently enrolled in the program.
* **Early Career Researcher Oral and Poster presentation awards:** Open to researchers who are within 5 years of conferral of their highest degree.
* **Robinson Research Institute Award:** Researchers of any career stage who are undertaking research into human reproduction, pregnancy and child health will be automatically considered for this award.

**Want to attend but don’t want to submit an abstract?** Registration for the 63rd ASMR National Scientific Conference is possible without submitting an abstract. Simply fill out the registration form located online (<https://asmr.org.au/asmr-nsc/nsc-welcome/>) and select “no” when asked if you are submitting an abstract.

**Want to submit more than one abstract?**Once you have completed your online registration and uploaded one abstract, simply email your second (or more) abstract(s) to [khaliarprimer@gmail.com](mailto:khaliarprimer@gmail.com) with the subject line: 'ASMR NSC Additional Abstract Submissions' by the deadline. In your email and abstract document, please include the registration number that was provided to you at the completion of your online registration.

**Ross Wishart Memorial Award: Information for Applicants**

The Ross Wishart Memorial Award was proposed by members of the South Australian Committee of the Australian Society for Medical Research® (ASMR) in May 1995 in recognition of Ross’ significant contributions to medical research and the Society.

The Award will be presented annually to a young investigator for the most outstanding presentation at the South Australian Annual Scientific Meeting during ASMR Medical Research Week.

Now in its 29th year, the winner of the 2024 Ross Wishart memorial award will receive a $1000 prize. Furthermore, all finalists of the 2024 Ross Wishart award will be expected to attend and assist with ASMR sponsored events, including potential networking evenings.

All finalists will be required to give a ‘snapshot’ of their research at the ASMR South Australian Gala Dinner at the Adelaide Pavilion on Monday 21 October 2024. Please note that this short presentation will **NOT** be judged. Each Finalist will receive a complimentary ticket to the Gala Dinner. Further details will be provided to each of the finalists.

To nominate for the award, please follow the instructions to authors.

All abstracts and CVs will be scored by independent assessors based on the following criteria:

* Number of publications (conference abstracts and refereed journal articles) **relative to stage in career**
* Overall CV (MUST USE THE CV TEMPLATE)
* Significance of work to health and medical research
* Quality of the abstract

Four finalists will be selected to give a 15-minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of questions to a general scientific audience.

As a condition of the award, all finalists are expected to make themselves available for poster judging during the meeting. Furthermore, all finalists will be expected to attend and support future ASMR events throughout the year, including networking events, Dinner with a Scientist and Science Alive.

APPLICATIONS CONTAINING A CV GREATER THAN TWO PAGES **WILL NOT** BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD

YOU MUST USE THE CV TEMPLATE. CV MUST BE IN SIZE 12 FONT, ARIAL

**INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS**

All abstracts are to be uploaded online at the time of NSC registration, using the document template below. Online registration and details are available at <https://asmr.org.au/asmr-nsc/nsc-welcome/>

**Abstract submissions due by 13 September 2024**

**Abstract preparation:** To submit an abstract please complete the templates on pages 6-8. Please **DO NOT change margins or text formatting in any way.** If changed, your abstract will be ineligible for selection.

Files should be saved as a word document (.docx) and labelled: **first author’s last name, first name initial and presentation preference**, e.g. Smith\_J\_oral; Smith\_J\_poster; Smith\_J\_either

**Abstract Preparation:**

* Please use the abstract template below. Please **DO NOT CHANGE** margins, spacing or text formatting.
* The **title** of the abstract **is limited to 250** characters (including spaces).
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* Font to be used is Arial at size 12 pt.
* Author’s names should be under the title, with the name of the presenting author in bold and underlined e.g., **John Smith**, Jane Jones, Jenny James…The authors listed on the abstract submission document must match the authors that are entered into the NSC registration portal.
* Institutions should be under the authors’ names. Please cross-reference authors to their affiliations using superscript consecutive numbers following the author name and preceding the institute affiliation.
* The **abstract body** is limited to **300 words** (not including title, authors and institutions).
* Abstracts longer than 300 words (not including spaces) will be truncated.
* The abstract should contain the following headings: **Background and Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions and Significance/Impact.**
* Referencing is not required.
* The significance/impact of the work to health, medical research and the community should be highlighted, including the innovative aspects of the work.

**Lay summary:**

* A lay title and summary of your abstract should be provided to assist with abstract marking and for release to media if you receive an award. Please avoid the use of technical terms, abbreviations and acronyms.
* The lay title is limited to 100 characters (including spaces).
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All enquiries regarding the abstract submission process should be directed to: Dr Khalia Primer ([khaliarprimer@gmail.com](mailto:khaliarprimer@gmail.com))

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Either oral or poster presentation

**YOU MUST BE OR HAVE APPLIED FOR ASMR MEMBERSHIP BY THE TIME OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OF THE AWARDS**

**Please select any awards you wish your abstract to be considered for**

***\*\*\* Please attach a TWO-page CV with your abstract submission to be considered for this award.***

Ross Wishart Memorial Award\*\*\*

Early Career Researcher Award (≤ 5 years since highest degree)

Oral presentation

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Research Assistant Award

Oral Presentation

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Oral presentation

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Undergraduate/Honours Student Award

Oral Presentation

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**Please nominate 1-3 subject areas relevant to your submitted abstract:**

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**Ross Wishart Award CV Template for SA applicants only  
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