**Instructions for Authors**

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) is a multidisciplinary Society. Abstracts from all areas of health and medical research are welcome, there are no limitations on focus area or stage of the submitted research.

The ASMR welcomes submission of abstracts for consideration as oral or poster presentations at the 64th ASMR National Scientific Conference in Brisbane on 6-7 November 2025. 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

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 15 August 2025**

**ASMR Membership:**

ASMR invites all those submitting an abstract for ASMR’s 64th National Scientific Conference to consider becoming a member of ASMR. Your membership helps to support ASMR’s advocacy on behalf of those studying and working in the Australian health and medical research sector, provides professional development and networking opportunities, and supports students and ECRs. ASMR Membership also provides discounted registration for ASMR 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: [katriona@asmr.org.au](mailto:katriona@asmr.org.au).

**Presentations:**

Please indicate your 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 presentations:* **8-minute oral presentation** will be offered, no limit to slide number. All presentations must be e-mailed to nsc@asmr.org.au by 5pm AEST on Monday,   
3 November 2025.

*Poster presentation****:* Presenters are expected to stand by their posters and answer question during the allocated times.** Poster instructions will be provided with abstract acceptance.

**Awards and eligibility:**

There are several award opportunities available at the ASMR NSC, all who submit an abstract are eligible for an award provided the career stage requirements are met. However, the ASMR Peter Doherty Leading Light Award has a separate application process in addition to the eligibility criteria. Please consult the application form on the ASMR website.

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 **Campion-Ma-Playoust Memorial Award:** Presented for the overall best presentation (oral or poster) at the National Scientific Meeting by a student or ECR under 30 years of age. Award includes a $1,000 cash prize.
* 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). Award includes a $500 cash prize. Applications for this award are assessed separately, and the application criteria can be found on the ASMR website.
* **The ASMR Communication Excellence Awards –**two will be awarded at the NSC. Award includes $2,000 cash prize, a free ticket to the 2026 Gala Dinner in their state, a personal communications workshop, and a video of your presentation featured on the ASMR’s website and social media, will be offered at the NSC. One will be offered to the highest ranked oral presentation at the NSC, the other will be offered to the highest ranked oral presentation by a Queenslander (eligibility for both: Hons, RA, Masters, PhD students and ECRs ≤ 3 years post PhD).
* **The Instats Skills Development Prizes** – two will be awarded at the NSC. Award includes a 12-month membership of the [Instats](https://instats.org/" \o "https://instats.org/) global education platform valued at $1,500**.** One will be offered to the second highest ranked oral presentation at the NSC, the other will be offered to the highest ranked oral presentation by a Queenslander (eligibility for both: Hons, RA, Masters, PhD students and ECRs ≤ 3 years post PhD).
* **Undergraduate/Honours Oral or Poster Awards:** Open to Honours students or students undertaking a research placement, enrolled in their program from June 2024 onwards.
* **Research Assistant Oral or Poster 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 or Poster 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 or Poster Awards:** Open to researchers who are within 5 years of conferral of their highest degree.

**Would you like 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 [nsc@asmr.org.au](mailto:nsc@asmr.org.au) 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.

**Would you like to attend the NSC but don’t want to submit an abstract?** You canattend the 64th ASMR NSC 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. Final registrations for the NSC close on 29 October 2025.

**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/nsc/>

**Abstract submissions due by 15 August 2024**

When preparing your oral or poster presentation abstract for ASMR’s 64th NSC, please ensure that it is a maximum of **300 words** and written in a clear manner that minimises the use of jargon.

Your abstract should be structured based on the following subheadings: Background, Methods, Results, Significance.

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**Background:** Concise and relevant background information should be presented, alongside a clear rationale for the study. Aims and hypotheses should be outlined and relate clearly to the rationale stated. The relevance to the broader field of medical research should be apparent throughout.

**Methods:** Appropriate experimental design information should be conveyed, where appropriate, including experimental controls, sample sizes, model/cohort characteristics and analysis approach. Methods should clearly explain a discipline appropriate experimental approach which can be easily understood by subject matter experts.

**Results:** Findings presented should be of high quality – with key data presented appropriately. Appropriate statistical outcomes should be stated alongside any trends mentioned.

**Significance:** Key conclusions drawn from the data should be stated here alongside any limitations/caveats of the study. Implications of the results to the broader field of medical research should be emphasised.

**Notes re: Abstract Preparation:**

* **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 must 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
* The **title** of the abstract **is limited to 250** characters (including spaces).
* Titles should be typed in **bold** and at the top of the abstract.
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* 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.**
* References are 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 Jocelyne Mulangala](mailto:nsc@asmr.org.au?subject=ASMR%20NSC%20Abstract%20Submission) ([Jocelyne.mulangala@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:Jocelyne.mulangala@heartfoundation.org.au)) or [Georgina McCallum](mailto:g.mccallum@uq.net.au?subject=ASMR%20NSC%20Abstract%20Submission) (g.mccallum@uq.net.au).

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**Research Theme Selection Table**

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