



ASMR Peter Doherty Leading Light Award 2025

Instructions to Applicants

Health and medical researchers working in Australia are eligible to apply for this award if they are **between 5 and 12 years post-doctoral** (*with career interruptions as per NHMRC definition taken into account*).

The application consists of the online application (details below) PLUS two references which must be emailed directly to ASMR by your referees.

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm AEST on Monday, 6 October 2025.

Online Application Form:

The online application form requests the following information and the final question requires your 1 page CV to be uploaded:

1. Contact details
2. Certification that all information contained within this application is true and correct and agree to participate in media promotion if required. This submission is in accordance with NHMRC/AVCC guidelines and work reporting genetic manipulation, human and/or animal experimentation has appropriate institutional ethics approval.
3. Confirmation of availability to present at the ASMR 64th National Scientific Conference in Brisbane on 6-7 November 2025 if this application is successful.
4. Date of conferral of your PhD.
5. Details any career interruptions as per NHMRC definition if applicable.
6. ASMR Member status (NOTE: this is for our records only and is NOT a judging criterion for assessment of applications for this award).

7. Details of your publication – enter into form:

- You must be first or senior author of a paper published within 5 years of the closing date for applications (i.e., published after 6 October 2020; *In Press* articles accepted);
- Publication can be original research, review, guidelines, industry report or policy document;
- The work must have a health or medical research focus but all fields are eligible

8. Research impact statement – enter into form:

- no more than 300 words and written in a style that is intelligible to a non-scientific audience
- Describe the quality and impact of the paper and work within
- Aspects to consider include:
 - o Number of citations the article has received
 - o Translation of the research to changes in practice
 - o Leveraging of funding made possible
 - o Novelty and innovation of research

9. Referees – enter into form the names and contact details of two professional referees. **NOTE: your referees must send their references directly to ASMR at katriona@asmr.org.au**

10. Curriculum Vitae – upload PDF:

- Maximum of 1 A4 page
- The applicant's CV will be reviewed for track record relative to opportunity (please include career disruptions to justify equivalent years post-doctoral)
- Please start with an executive summary of achievements (150-200 words)
- Also include:
 - o Degrees/qualifications, institution and date awarded,
 - o Current position and institution
 - o Awards/Achievements/Recognition/Funding
 - o Higher degree, honours and undergraduate supervision and or mentoring
- Community engagement and outreach (e.g., scientific societies, conference organisation, school events)
- Scientific advocacy - such as invited lectures, workshops, public meetings etc

Judging Panel

An assessment panel consisting of the ASMR President, senior researchers, and community members will review and rank applications based on:

1. the quality and impact of the publication (60%)
2. the applicant's track record relative to opportunity (20%)
3. the ways in which the applicant has communicated the results of their research within:
 - a. the scientific community (10%)
 - b. the general community (10%)

Note:

- The decision of the judging panel is final.
- The highest ranked applicant must be available to attend in person to be eligible for this award.
- The winner will present their work in a 10-minute seminar covering translation and impact of the research at ASMR's 64th National Scientific Conference, which is being held in Brisbane on 6-7 November 2025.
- The winner will also receive free registration, a \$1,000 cash prize and an ASMR Medal in recognition of their receipt of ASMR's Peter Doherty Leading Light Award 2025.

