



ASMR Peter Doherty Leading Light Award

Instructions for Applicants

ASMR members are eligible to apply for this award if they are mid-career researchers **between 5 and 12 years post-doctoral (with career disruptions considered, see NHMRC definition [here](#))**, and submit the following for consideration by the assessment panel:

Publication

- Applicant must be first or senior author of a paper published within 5 years of the closing date for applications (i.e., published after 20 September 2019; *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
- A PDF copy of the article must be uploaded with the online application

Research impact statement (300 word maximum)

- 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 into changes in practice
 - o Leveraging of funding made possible
 - o Novelty and innovation of research

Please note, this statement must be written in a style that is intelligible to a non-scientific audience.

Curriculum Vitae (2 page maximum)

- 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 and date awarded**, 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
- Contact details of two referees

Judging

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 level of scientific advocacy the applicant has been involved in (10%)
- 4) the degree of community engagement and outreach the applicant has been part of (10%)

The decision of the judging panel is final. The winner will present their work in a 10-minute seminar covering translation and impact of the research at the ASMR National Scientific Conference held annually in November and must be available to attend in person to be eligible for the award.

Submission

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on Sunday, 12 October 2026.

All applications must be submitted online here.