



The Royal Australasian  
College of Physicians

## **THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS TRAINEE RESEARCH AWARD GUIDELINES - 2011**

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1. State and Territory Committees and the New Zealand Joint Executive are invited to nominate up to two (2) Trainees from their State/Territory/New Zealand. The method of selection is at the discretion of the State/Territory/New Zealand Committees. In making their selection Committees should consider the criteria to be used by the judges (item 6). Committees should consider a balance between Trainees in research institutes and those performing clinical research projects as a sole researcher.
2. Presenters selected to present at the 2011 RACP Congress must be Trainees of the Divisions of Adult Medicine or Paediatrics & Child Health; the Faculties of Public Health Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine or Occupational & Environmental Medicine; or the Chapters of Palliative Medicine, Addiction Medicine and Sexual Health Medicine of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians at the time of presenting to their State/Territory/New Zealand meeting. It is recognised that by the time the Congress is held the following year a presenter may have become a Fellow.
3. Trainees must present work in which they have made a significant contribution to the concept and execution. Originality is important but not an overriding consideration.
4. The work may have been published or presented to a Specialty Society, Faculty or Chapter Meeting.
5. Two presentation sessions will be held at the Congress (Adult Medicine or Paediatrics & Child Health). Session times will be advised to all presenters at least 2 months before the Congress. Each presenter will be allocated 9 minutes for their talk (maximum), with an additional 3 minutes (maximum) for questions and answers.
6. Judges will consider the content (originality, significance and importance), the presentation (clarity of verbal communication, use of visual aids) and the presenter's contribution to the discussion.
7. The Chairmen of the sessions and the judges will be appointed by the Scientific Program Committees. There shall be at least three judges for each award session.
8. Nominees will be entitled to return economy class airfares from the place of nomination and one or two nights' accommodation (including breakfast), depending on whether the Congress is being held in Australia or New Zealand, plus complimentary day registration to attend the day of presentation.

9. Two prizes of \$1500 will be awarded, one for the area of Adult Medicine and one for the area of Paediatrics and Child Health.
10. In the absence of a nominated presenter the paper may be read by a substitute but will not be considered for the final prize, nor will the substitute be eligible for assistance with travel, registration or accommodation.
11. Presenters' abstracts will be submitted to the Congress Managers for inclusion in the final program handbook.
12. Presenters will offer their abstracts to be published in the *Internal Medicine Journal* or in the *Journal of Paediatrics & Child Health* either as a print or online abstract supplement.

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