

Publication Prizes

Guidelines and Conditions

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prizes is:

- (1) to acknowledge the achievements of early-career researchers in Western Australia in the field of medical or clinical research who have the best published scientific papers; and
- (2) to facilitate conference attendance, networking and research collaboration through the provision of a travel allowance to the successful applicants.

2. Prize Categories

- (1) *Raine Research Prize* – For an early-career medical researcher with the most outstanding scientific paper that seeks to better understand the nature, origin, and cause of human diseases, and their prevention and treatment.
- (2) *Strachan Memorial Prize* – For an early-career clinical researcher with the most outstanding scientific paper that may translate clinical research into better health outcomes.
- (3) *BrightSpark Raine Research Prize* – For an early-career medical researcher with the most outstanding scientific paper in the area of child health research.

3. Definitions

- (1) The “Prizes” refers to the Publication Prizes.
- (2) The “Research Committee” is the Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee and may include specialist representatives.
- (3) “Medical researcher” refers to a qualified professional who contributes to medical research that investigates the nature, origin, and cause of human diseases, and their prevention and treatment.
- (4) “Clinical researcher” refers to a qualified professional who contributes to clinical research, directly involving patients, that may translate into better health outcomes.
- (5) “Early-Career Researcher” refers to a researcher who is within 5 years of completion of their:
 - (a) PhD degree; or
 - (b) University medical, allied health, or nursing degree plus at least 3 years of research experience.(whichever is completed first, if applicable)
 - (c) “Completion” is the date of the letter advising the applicant that their PhD degree has been passed, or the date their medical degree plus three years research experience has concluded.
- (6) “Career disruption” includes pregnancy, major illness/injury, carer responsibilities including parental leave, and clinician specialty training. This must involve a continuous

absence from work for 90 days or more or return to work on a part-time basis. Career disruption does not include “Relative to opportunity” inclusions as listed in Clause 3. (7). Career disruption is considered during eligibility and assessment processes. Written evidence must be provided to the Raine Foundation if requested.

- (7) “Relative to opportunity” includes availability of resources, clinical, administrative or teaching workload, relocation of the applicant or research lab/clinical setting, typical performance in the field, and employment in other sectors (e.g. industry). Relative to opportunity is considered during assessment processes, but not for eligibility. Written evidence must be provided to the Raine Foundation if requested.

4. Eligibility

- (1) Applicants shall be employed by or hold an adjunct or honorary title with a Western Australian University (but shall not be employed by another University outside of Western Australia) at the time of application and for the duration of the Prize award period.
- (2) For the Raine Research Prize, the applicant shall be an early-career medical researcher (definitions at Clause 3. (3) and (5)) who seeks to better understand the nature, origin, and cause of human diseases, and their prevention and treatment.
- (3) For the Strachan Memorial Prize, the applicant shall be an early-career clinical researcher (definitions at Clause 3. (4) and (5)) who seeks to translate clinical research into better health outcomes.
- (4) For the BrightSpark Raine Research Prize, the applicant shall be an early-career medical or clinical researcher (definitions at Clause 3. (3), (4), and (5)) who seeks to improve the health of children.
- (5) Applicants shall submit one scientific paper on which they are the first (principal) author, and that was published as an early-career researcher (definition at Clause 3. (5)).
- (6) Joint first-author publications will be accepted where each joint author is an early-career researcher (defined at Clause 3. (5)). The application shall be submitted by one first-author, and if successful the Prize will be awarded to the applicant.
- (7) Applicants may only submit one application per round. Applicants may apply in more than one Prize Category (if eligible) but, if successful, the applicant will only receive one Award.
- (8) Applications that do not comply with formatting requirements may be deemed ineligible, and applications that are submitted without all signatures on the Certification Form will not be considered.

5. Assessment Criteria

- (1) The assessment criteria for a Prizes shall be based upon:
- (a) the significance of the project (40%);
 - (b) the applicant’s contribution (30%); and
 - (c) the status of the journal within its field and evidence of impact of the publication (30%).
- (2) The Research Committee shall assess and determine the Prizes on a competitive basis and reserves the right not to award a Prize.

- (3) Where the Research Committee ranks applications of equal merit, it reserves the right to award more than one Prize in each category.

6. Funding

- (1) The Prize shall consist of a medallion and funding of up to \$5,000 for collaborative research activities and conference attendance.
- (2) Any travel or research activities associated with the Prize shall normally take place within a year of the Prize being awarded. Amendments to this timeline due to COVID-19 travel restrictions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

7. Reporting

- (1) The Raine Management Office will call for an annual report at the end of the Prize term. This report shall summarise the collaborative research activities and benefits that were achieved such as:
 - (a) attendance at conferences, workshops, annual meetings, or research institutions, including oral or poster presentations; and
 - (b) collaborative activities and networking.
- (2) If a satisfactory annual report is not submitted when requested, Prize funding may be recouped, and applicants may not be eligible for future funding through the Raine Foundation.
- (3) Raine alumni will be asked to take part in a follow-up survey. This survey is designed to evaluate research performance and research impact that has come about after Raine funding and will inform the review of future funding programs. Alumni are asked to keep the Raine Management Office updated with any changes to contact information.

8. Acknowledgement

Oral presentations, posters, or other relevant publicity shall acknowledge the support of the Raine Medical Research Foundation and all parties who have contributed to Prize funding.