

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 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. 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) “Early-Career Researcher” refers to a medical researcher who, **at the application close date**, is within 5 years of completing the tertiary requirements listed below (whichever is completed first, if applicable):
 - (a) PhD degree (the date of the letter advising the applicant that their PhD degree has been passed); or
 - (b) University medical, allied health, or nursing degree plus at least 3 years of research experience (the date that the applicant achieved 3 years (full-time equivalent) research experience will be used as a “PhD pass date” equivalent).
- (5) “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.
- (6) “Relative to opportunity” includes availability of resources, clinical, administrative or teaching workload, relocation of the applicant or research lab/clinical setting, periods of unemployment, 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.
- (7) “Research impact” is the verifiable outcomes that research makes to knowledge, health, the economy and/or society, and not the prospective or anticipated effects of the research - in line with the [NHMRC definition and types of Research Impact](#).

3. 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 application close date and for the duration of the Prize term.
- (2) Prize Categories (refer to Early-Career Researcher definition, Clause 2.(4)):
 - (a) **Clinical research** – The applicant shall be a WA-based early-career researcher whose scientific research paper seeks to translate clinical research (directly involving patients) into better health outcomes.
 - (b) **Child Health research** – The applicant shall be a WA-based early-career researcher whose scientific research paper is in the field of child health.
 - (c) **All other medical research fields** – The applicant shall be a WA-based early-career researcher whose scientific research paper seeks to better understand the nature, origin, and cause of human diseases, and their prevention and treatment.
- (3) Applicants shall submit one scientific research paper on which they are the first (principal) author, and that was published (or accepted for publication) as an early-career researcher.
- (4) Joint first-author publications will be accepted where each joint author is an early-career researcher. The application shall be submitted by one first-author, and if successful the Prize will be awarded to the applicant.
- (5) 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 Prize.
- (6) 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.

4. Assessment Criteria

- (1) The assessment criteria for a Prizes shall be based upon:
 - (a) The significance of the research (20%)
 - (b) The innovation of the research (10%)
 - (c) The impact of the research (10%)
 - (d) The Applicant's contribution to the research (30%)
 - (e) The status of the journal within its field and evidence of the 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.

5. Funding

- (1) The Prize shall consist of a medallion and funding of up to \$5,000 as a travel allowance for the applicant, for conference attendance and participation in collaborative research activities.
- (2) Prizes shall normally commence on the 1 January and awarded funding expended within the one-year term of the Prize.
- (3) Prize recipients are required to manage and be accountable for the expenditure of funds awarded and obtain prior approval from the Raine Foundation for any proposed deviation from the completion date of the Prize.

6. Reporting

- (1) The Raine Foundation will call for an annual report at the end of the calendar year after the Prize term. This report shall summarise the benefits that were achieved from the travel funding, such as attendance at conferences, workshops, annual meetings, or research institutions, including oral or poster presentations, networking, and collaborative research activities.
- (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 Foundation 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 Foundation updated with any changes to contact information.

7. 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.