

**MedSci 2024 Prizes**

This document explains the eligibility criteria and application process for the following prizes that will be awarded as part of MedSci 2024

1. PSNZ Student Poster Prize
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**APPLICATIONS FOR ALL AWARDS ARE DUE:**

**5 of JULY 2024**

1. **PSNZ Student Poster Prize**

The prize is awarded annually for the Best Student Poster Presentation at the Society’s Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Eligibility:**

* Applicants must be a full-time research student at a tertiary institution in New Zealand. Postgraduate research students at all levels (Hons, MSc, PhD) are encouraged to apply.
* Supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.
* Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.

**How to Apply:**

While submitting your abstract online, select the poster prize category.

**After application:**

* Finalists will be expected to present their posters to the judges at MedSci 2024
* The quality of the presentation and the ability to answer questions will be judged by the Committee and will contribute to the selection of the winner.
* The winner will be announced at the MedSci dinner.
* The prize is a certificate and $250.
* No award shall be made if none of the work merits such recognition.

1. **Mini-Oral Student Speaker Prize**

This new prize will be awarded annually for the Best Mini-Oral Student Speaker at the Society’s Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Eligibility:**

* Applicants must be a full-time research student at a tertiary institution in New Zealand. Postgraduate research students at all levels (Hons, MSc, PhD) are encouraged to apply.
* Supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.
* Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.

**How to Apply:**

While submitting your abstract online, select the Mini-Oral Speaker prize category.

**After application:**

* Finalists will be expected to present their Mini-Oral talk at MedSci 2024
* The quality of the presentation and the ability to answer questions will be judged by the Committee and will contribute to the selection of the winner.
* The winner will be announced at the MedSci dinner.
* The prize is a certificate and $250.
* No award shall be made if none of the work merits such recognition.

1. **PSNZ Mary Bullivant Prize**

The prize is awarded annually for the Best Student Presentation at the Society’s Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Eligibility:**

* Applicants must be current, full-time research students (Hons, MSc or PhD) at a Tertiary Institution in New Zealand.
* Supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.
* Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.

**How to Apply:**

While submitting your abstract online, select the Mary Bullivant prize category.

**After application:**

* There will be a limited number of slots available for students to compete for this award.
* A Selection Committee composed of members of the Council will pre-screen student abstracts and select the finalists.
* You will be notified of the outcome of your application 3 weeks prior to the presentation.
* If you are not selected as a finalist, you will be invited to present in the Mini-Oral session or Poster session, where you will be eligible for these prizes.
* Finalists will be expected to present a **10-minute talk**, followed by 5 minutes of questions, at the MedSci Congress.
* The quality of the presentation and the ability to answer questions will be judged by the Committee and will contribute to the selection of the winner.
* The winner will be announced at the MedSci dinner.
* The prize is a certificate and $250 for the Mary Bullivant Oral Presentation Award.
* No award shall be made if none of the work merits such recognition.

1. **John Hubbard Memorial Prize**

The John Hubbard Memorial Prize is awarded annually in recognition of excellence in studies towards a PhD.

**Eligibility:**

* Applicants must be in their final year of PhD study at a Tertiary Institution in New Zealand or no more than one year should have elapsed since the PhD was conferred.
* Supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.
* Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.

**How to Apply:**

Send your application, consisting of the following, to **Prof Rebecca Campbell, secretary of the PSNZ (rebecca.campbell@otago.ac.nz) by 5th of July 2024.**

A summary of the PhD work to-date (**no more than 4 pages total**) placing it in the context of its contribution to the associated research field. Particular care must be placed to outline the PhD components, their logical progression, and the variety/complexity of techniques used. Applicants are also encouraged to highlight their contribution to published findings/ outcomes. The supervisor(s) should have minimum input into the writing of this summary.

1. An abstract of a substantial component of the PhD. The abstract should be formatted according to the template provided for MedSci abstract submission. Again, the supervisor(s) should have minimum input into the writing of the abstract.
2. A curriculum vitae
3. A brief report/reference should be submitted separately by the supervisor(s). It should include:

(i) a fair assessment of the input from student/supervisor/other people into the protocol design, conduct of experiments and scientific interpretation and

(ii) a statement about the degree of input from the supervisor(s) into the writing of the submitted summary.

**After Application:**

Applications will be assessed by a committee appointed by the PSNZ Council.

* A short list will be compiled, and all applicants will be notified of the results of the preliminary screening at least three weeks before the MedSci Meeting
* Short-listed applicants (typically 2) will be expected to present a **20-minute talk**, followed by 10 minutes for questions, at the MedSci Congress.
* The quality of the presentation and the ability to answer questions will be judged by the above Committee and will contribute to the selection of the winner.
* The winner will be announced at the MedSci dinner.
* The prize is a certificate and $500.
* No award shall be made if none of the applicants merits such recognition.

1. **New and Emerging Researcher Prize**

The ‘New and Emerging Researcher’ Prize was first initiated in 2014. This prize is awarded annually for outstanding research by a Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Fellow, Assistant Research Fellow, or early career academic staff member who are within 8 years of completion of PhD.

**Eligibility:**

* Candidates should have had less than 8 years of research experience post PhD.
* Supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.
* Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of presentation.

**How to Apply:**

Send your abstract and up to date CV and an indication of your wish to apply for this prize to **Prof Rebecca Campbell, secretary of the PSNZ (rebecca.campbell@otago.ac.nz) by 5th of July 2024.**

**After Application:**

Applications will be assessed by a committee appointed by PSNZ Council.

* Two applicants will be short listed and all applicants will be notified of the outcome at least three weeks before the PSNZ Prize Forum.
* Short-listed applicants will present a **20-minute talk**, followed by 10 minutes for questions, at the online Forum.
* The quality of the presentation and the ability to answer questions will be judged by the above Committee and will contribute to the selection of the winner.
* The winner will be announced at the MedSci dinner.
* The prize is a Certificate and $500.
* The winner will acknowledge PSNZ in their CV.
* No award shall be made if none of the work merits such recognition.

1. **Triennial Medal of the Physiological Society of New Zealand**

**Awarded in recognition of distinguished physiological research**

The concept of a Triennial Medal was adopted by the Society in 1981 and the inaugural Medal was awarded in 1984. Recipients have been listed in past issues of the Proceeding of the Physiological Society of New Zealand (PSNZ), and now awardees are listed on the [PSNZ website.](https://www.physoc.org.nz/)

*Regulations*  (revised 1997):

1. The award of the MEDAL of the Physiological Society of New Zealand shall be made every three years in recognition of distinguished original physiological work published by a member of the Society in the previous five years.
2. A joint award is permissible if collaborators have made *equal* contributions*.*
3. Recipients should be active members of the Society.
4. The value of the award shall be approximately $500.
5. The award shall be in the form of a medal and a certificate.
6. Nominations must have the agreement of the nominee and be proposed by a PSNZ member and seconded by two further PSNZ members. One of these PSNZ members must provide a reference indicating rationale for the nomination.
7. Supporting information must include copies of relevant publications and a CV specifically written by the nominee for this nomination. The CV should include a one-page summary of the significance of the research and evidence of active participation in PSNZ.
8. Council will appoint a committee to select the recipient.
9. The recipient shall be invited to address the Society concerning their work.
10. No award shall be made if the Council believes none of the work nominated to merit such recognition.

**Triennial Medal of the Physiological Society of New Zealand Nomination Form**

Deadline for application **July 5, 2024**

Send nominations by email to the PSNZ Secretary, Prof Rebecca Campbell [Rebecca.campbell@otago.ac.nz](mailto:Rebecca.campbell@otago.ac.nz)

Please include in the email the following details:

1. Name of the nominee:
2. Institution:
3. Year of PSNZ membership commencement:

Please also provide the names of:

1. Nominating person
2. Seconded by (1)
3. Seconded by (2)

Include from the nominee:

1. Full curriculum vitae
2. One-page summary of the significance of your research and evidence of active participation in the PSNZ.

Note:

* Nominations can only be submitted by PSNZ members.
* All nominating persons must also notify the PSNZ Secretary confirming their nomination of the nominee.