



## **MedSci 2025 Prizes**

This document explains the eligibility criteria and application process for the following prizes that will be awarded as part of MedSci 2025

1. PSNZ Student Poster Prize
2. PSNZ Mini-Oral Student Speaker Prize
3. PSNZ Mary Bullivant Prize
4. PSNZ John Hubbard Memorial Prize
5. PSNZ Paul Hill New and Emerging Researcher Prize
6. PSNZ Research Excellence Award

**APPLICATIONS FOR ALL AWARDS ARE DUE:  
1<sup>st</sup> of JULY 2025**

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

### **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 2025
- 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.
- Typically, one award will be dedicated to a PhD student candidate and one award will be dedicated to a MSc or Hons candidate.
- The winner(s) 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.

## **2. Mini-Oral Student Speaker Prize**

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

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be a research student at a tertiary institution in New Zealand. Postgraduate research students at all levels (Hons, MSc, PhD) are encouraged to apply.
- Primary supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of application.
- Candidates must be members of the PSNZ at the time of application.

### **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 2025
- 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.

### 3. 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 research students (Hons, MSc or PhD) at a Tertiary Institution in New Zealand.
- Primary supervisors must be a member of the PSNZ at the time of application.
- Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of application.

#### 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 **Poster session**, where you will be eligible for a prize.
- 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 \$300 for the Mary Bullivant Oral Presentation Award.
- No award shall be made if none of the work merits such recognition.

## 4. 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 application.
- Students must also be members of the PSNZ at the time of application.

### How to Apply:

Send your application, consisting of the following, to **Assoc Prof Joanne Davidson, secretary of the PSNZ (joanne.davidson@auckland.ac.nz)** by **1<sup>st</sup> 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 500-word (roughly half page) report 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.
- Applicants not selected as a finalist, will be invited to present in the **Poster session**, and be eligible for prizes.
- 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 (final assessment: 50% based on written application, 50% based on oral presentation).
- 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.

## 5. 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 and be an active member of the PSNZ.
- Candidate must 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 **Assoc Prof Joanne Davidson, secretary of the PSNZ (joanne.davidson@auckland.ac.nz) by 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 6. Paul Hill Excellence in Research Award

The “Excellence in Research Award” was first initiated in 2016. This prize is awarded every two years for the best researcher at sub-professorial levels (Associate Professor, senior lecturer, and senior research fellow) who have at least 8 years of research experience post-PhD.

### Eligibility:

- A member in good standing (for example, member of PSNZ for last 5 years, Council member, member of other international physiological societies, regular attendance at the meeting.)
- Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated by others with permission

### How to Apply:

Send your application or nomination, consisting of the following, to **Assoc Prof Joanne Davidson, secretary of the PSNZ (joanne.davidson@auckland.ac.nz) by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024.**

1. A one-page summary of the significance of the applicant’s research and evidence of active participation in PSNZ.
2. A detailed CV including all publications.

### After Application:

- Applications will be assessed by a committee appointed by PSNZ Council and the winner will be selected based on the CV, scientific achievement and their active role in PSNZ.
- The winner will be invited to deliver a **30-minute presentation** at the PSNZ Prize Forum.
- The winner will receive a certificate and a cash prize of \$1000 at the MedSci dinner.
- No award shall be made if none of the applicants merits such recognition.