THE STRACHAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Strachan Memorial Prize shall be offered annually from income on funds bequeathed to the Raine Medical Research Foundation by the late Mary Bickford Ferguson Strachan. The prize shall consist of a travel allowance up to the value of $5,000 and a Certificate of Distinction, which shall be awarded to a clinician or clinical scientist in Western Australia in the field of medical/health science for the best scientific paper published within five years' of award of their doctoral degree or professional qualification.

CONDITIONS

Eligibility

1. The prize shall be open to all clinicians and clinical scientists in Western Australia working in the field of medical/health science who –
   (i) have completed their doctoral degree or professional qualification within the last five years; and
   (ii) are employed by a Western Australian University or affiliated institution.
   (iii) submit a scientific paper published within five years of the year of award of their doctoral degree or professional qualification; and
   (iii) confirms that their publication meets the requirements for authorship in accord with the “Vancouver Protocol”, as documented in The University of Western Australia Code of conduct for the responsible practice of research. http://www.research.uwa.edu.au/staff/research-policy/guidelines

Value

2. The prize shall consist of a travel award up to the value of $5,000 and a Certificate of Distinction.

Applications

3. Applications shall be submitted to the Raine Foundation Administrative Office through the relevant Head of Discipline/School or equivalent academic unit.

4. Candidates shall submit one entry of a publication in which they are first author.

The publication shall show in the by-line details of the author’s affiliation to The University of Western Australia.
5. Each application shall include –

(i) the original (re-print), and copies or reprints of the relevant publication, as required;

(ii) a statement from the candidate on - (a) the significance of the project; and (b) details of their contribution to the work;

(iii) details of the Journal Impact Factor and Citation Scores; and

(iv) the candidate’s curriculum vitae.

**Selection Criteria**

6. The selection criteria for award of the prize shall be based on the -

(i) the significance of the project and the candidate’s contribution;

(ii) the journal impact factor; and

(iii) citation scores, if available.

**Award Process**

7. The prize shall be awarded by the Raine Research Committee Chair or nominee, having regard to the recommendations of an Advisory Panel, consisting of three members of the Research Committee who shall assess the applications.

Where the Research Committee ranks applications of equal merit for award of the prize, it reserves the right to make more than one award.

**Acknowledgement**

Oral presentations, posters, or other relevant publicity shall acknowledge the Strachan Memorial Prize.

**Report**

8. At the conclusion of the year, the recipient(s) shall submit a report to the Research Committee on the purpose for which the travel funds were used.

*The Raine Medical Research Foundation reserves the right not to make an award.*

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