



YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARD

2020 Guidelines for Entrants

The Young Investigator Award is the most prestigious research prize awarded at the CSANZ NZ Regional ASM. The prize is awarded for the best individual research and will be up to \$7,500 for costs to attend an international ASM within two years of receiving the award.

In acknowledgment of the significance of the Award, the rules regarding eligibility, application process, and judging have been updated. The following will apply from and including the 2020 ASM.

ELIGIBILITY

- Advanced Trainees or Research Fellows in cardiology or cardiac surgery, undergraduate students, nurses and technologists, and scientists up to and including the level of post-doctoral Fellow. **Applicants must still be in training.**
- **Applicants must be New Zealand members of the Society.**
- The work must have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand and the applicant must have made a significant contribution to the concept and execution of the work.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Investigators may submit only **one** application for the Young Investigator Award category each year.
- An extended abstract of 800 to 1200 words must be submitted at the time of abstract submission to allow the selection panel to fully evaluate the work.
- **The applicant must include in their submission a letter from the supervisor or director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented. This must include the specific contribution of the candidate to the study design, protocol completion, and analysis of results.**

- If an abstract is submitted for the Young Investigator Award and not accepted, it is automatically considered for inclusion in the general Scientific Meeting. The applicant must be prepared to present it in this category as a poster or presentation, to be decided by the Convenor.
- Finalists for the award will be selected by a selection panel of clinicians/researchers and a Chair appointed by the NZ Committee.

JUDGING

- A panel of three senior clinicians/researchers will be appointed by the NZ Committee and a Chair of the panel designated. At least one of the panel members will be a clinician or scientist working in New Zealand.
- The Chair of the panel will advise the ASM organisers of the outcome.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.