

## **CSANZ New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting 2021** **Guidelines for Young Investigator Award Finalists**

The prize was initiated in 1980 as the Young Investigators Award of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. This Award is for the best presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiac Society by a young investigator. Young Investigator Award applicants must be members of the Society and may be; 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. While there is no formal upper age limit, it should be clearly understood that this Award is intended for persons who are still in training.

Scientific excellence is the main criterion for the award; clinical significance is not a prerequisite. In general, presentations which are of a purely descriptive or observational nature will be rated less highly than those which aim to elucidate mechanisms. Finalists will be expected to devote time in their presentation to any specific limitations or problems they encountered with the scientific methods employed.

While scientific excellence, as noted above, will be the primary criterion used by the judging panel, aspects of presentation are also regarded as important. As an approximate guide, the judging panel will award approximately 60% of the mark for science, 20% for presentation and 20% for question answering.

The five minutes discussion time following each presentation is regarded as a crucial part of the judging process, and the judging panel will place considerable emphasis on how the candidate handles questions from the floor. In the interests of fair play, it is not considered appropriate for young investigator finalists nor their research collaborators to ask questions of each other.

Initial application for the Award is made at the time of submission of a standard abstract for the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiac Society. Those selected as finalists will be allocated eight to ten minutes to present their paper, followed by five to seven minutes discussion time. In preparing illustrative materials, presenters should also give consideration to the fact that the presentation normally takes place in a large auditorium. The material presented should be closely related to the content of the submitted abstract. Whilst minor deviations are permitted, presentations which include substantial material outside the content of the abstract may incur a grading penalty.

There should be clear distinction between any new work being presented and any previous work which has previously been published/presented. Presenters must identify their work and ensure that it is not work which has been presented by co-authors.

The work being presented must be primarily the work of the presenter. Any reference to prior published work from the laboratory that is not primarily the work of the presenter, must be clearly referenced as such.

Finalists are not required to submit a written manuscript, but are required to submit a copy of all of the slides they will be using in their presentation. The slides must be emailed to the conference organiser at [nzcs@theconferencecompany.com](mailto:nzcs@theconferencecompany.com) no later **9am Wednesday 16 June 2021**). It is not permitted to supply illustrative material or text which does not form part of the oral presentation.

Finalists in the YIA must have contributed significantly both to the intellectual content of the study being presented and to the actual carrying out of the work. A statement declaring which of the presented work was done by the presenter and what was done by others is expected to be supplied with the entry.

All finalists are asked to attend the Gala Dinner at which time the winners will be announced.

## Awards Presentation Marking Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Mark	Comments
Science:	/ 6	
Presentation	/ 2	
Questions	/ 2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>/ 10</b>	

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