

2026 TSANZ AWARD Ann Woolcock New Investigator Award

Deadline for applications: 8 October 2025

Aim	<p>The Ann Woolcock New Investigator Award is presented at the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting to acknowledge excellence in the conduct and presentation of scientific research.</p> <p>This is an International Traveling Fellowship of up to AUD 1500 to support professional development, plus expenses (up to AUD 4000 for return economy airfare, meeting registration, and accommodation) to support the recipient's attendance and presentation of their original high-quality research at a suitable international conference relevant to lung health. Finalists (excluding the winning applicant) will receive a certificate of achievement and AUD 500 to support professional development.</p>
Eligibility Criteria	<p>To be eligible for the award, the applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a current member of TSANZ¹, 2. A citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand, or have the requisite work or study visa and be endorsed by the Administering Institution², 3. Be undertaking a higher degree by research in an area directly relevant to respiratory research, or 4. Have graduated with a higher degree in research in an area directly relevant to respiratory research within the last two years of the closing date for this application - <i>career interruptions should be specified in track record</i>, 5. Submit an original abstract for oral presentation as presenting author for the TSANZ ASM, and 6. Be responsible for the major components of the work to be presented (to be certified by the applicant's supervisor/head of department) <p>The research to be presented must have been carried out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. In Australia and/or New Zealand, 8. During the candidate's first substantive research project or program and must be directly relevant to respiratory research, and 9. Over a period of two years or more, full time equivalent. <p><i>Note: New Investigator finalists may only apply in subsequent years if their extended abstract is substantially different to the previous application³.</i></p>

¹ Financial member of the TSANZ who has obtained the support of a proposer and seconder and has been endorsed by the TSANZ Board

² The application is endorsed by the Administering Institution to have the requisite work or study visa in place at the time of accepting the successful grant and will remain employed for the duration of the funding period.

³ As outlined by the applicant on the application coversheet – Part 2

Conditions	<p>The following conditions apply to this award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The award must be used within one year of the TSANZ ASM. • Funds may not be used to cover any overhead costs levied by the Administering Institution. • Recipients are required to submit a report for publication in the TSANZ newsletters and/or Annual Report. <p><i>Note: This condition must be met to remain eligible for future award rounds.</i></p>																		
Applications	<p>Applicants must submit only an electronic application as a PDF file via the online abstract submission portal. In order to be considered for this award, your application <u>must</u> be submitted <i>by the deadline</i> and <u>must</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extended abstract not exceeding 2 A4 pages. <i>A graph, table or figure may be included within the two-page maximum.</i> • A track record (maximum two A4 pages). <i>Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria.</i> • Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited). 																		
Selection Process	<p>Judging prior to the ASM</p> <p>Members of the TSANZ Research Committee will evaluate and rank applications using the following criteria:</p> <table data-bbox="325 1025 1426 1305"> <tr> <th>Criterion</th><th>Weight</th></tr> <tr> <td>Scientific Quality</td><td>60%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Significance and Innovation</td><td>40%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>100%</td></tr> </table> <p>In early 2026, up to six of the highest ranked applicants will be invited to present their abstract in the dedicated NIA session at the ASM. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified and will then have their abstract considered for either an oral or poster presentation in other SIG sessions at the ASM.</p> <p>Judging at the ASM</p> <p>At the ASM, there will be a session dedicated to the selected finalists for judging for the Ann Woolcock New Investigator Award. Each presentation will be of <u>ten</u> minutes in length followed by <u>five</u> minutes for questions. Members of the TSANZ Research Sub-Committee and invited experts will judge the presentations using the following criteria:</p> <table data-bbox="325 1688 1426 2029"> <tr> <th>Criterion</th><th>Weight</th></tr> <tr> <td>Scientific Quality</td><td>50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Standard of Presentation and Communication</td><td>30%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Responses to Questions</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>100%</td></tr> </table>	Criterion	Weight	Scientific Quality	60%	Significance and Innovation	40%	Total	100%	Criterion	Weight	Scientific Quality	50%	Standard of Presentation and Communication	30%	Responses to Questions	20%	Total	100%
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	<p>The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence in the design, execution, analysis and critical appraisal of their research, • Ability to communicate key concepts clearly to an audience who have no specialised knowledge in the field, and • Competence in dealing with the challenge of peers' questions. <p>The judges' decision will be communicated to the President of TSANZ and the winner of will be announced at the end of the ASM. If, in the opinion of the judges, a sufficiently high standard has not been attained in any of the presentations, then the award may be withheld. Unsuccessful finalists will receive a certificate of achievement and AU \$500.</p>
Enquiries	Please direct enquires to TSANZawards@thoracic.org.au
<p>TSANZ Privacy Statement. Personal information submitted as part of an award or fellowship application will be viewed by staff of the TSANZ and the application reviewers who are TSANZ members. After assessment, the application will be stored on the TSANZ server. To clarify how your information is stored or used by the TSANZ, please contact the Privacy Officer on +612 9170 2620.</p>	