



Paediatric Society of New Zealand Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa New Investigator Award

Purpose of the award:

To encourage and recognise new investigator researchers undertaking research in the area of child health.

Eligibility criteria are:

1. The applicant is early in their research career. This applies to those who are undergraduate or post-graduate students or are in a house surgeon role. It would not normally apply to someone who did the work while in a consultant or in a senior clinical position. Note that the criteria applies to the time during which the work was done. This means that anyone with no track record of previous research would be eligible. For example, a nurse might have only switched to having a research role in the last few years and have fewer than six publications, despite a “long” clinical career. It is expected that those undertaking a project as part of their college training project will enter the RACP Trainee Research Award.
2. The work presented is substantially their own work. The judges reserve the right to discuss this with senior members of the society from the applicant’s area.
3. It is expected that applicants who are eligible will be a member of Society or have an application for membership in process.
4. If the applicant is not eligible to be a member of the Society:
 - a) *At least one co-author on the paper must be a member of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand. This member is the sponsor of the paper.*

OR

 - b) *A letter of sponsorship from a member of the Society who has been directly involved in the supervision of the work presented is attached to the application.*



Judging criteria

The presentations will be judged in relation to:

- *interest and relevance to child health*
- *aims and methods (aims clear and methodology appropriate to the research question)*
- *results*
- *conclusions*
- *presentation skills (diction, pace, use of aids, clarity, key point emphasis, relationship with audience)*
- *the degree the presenter contributed to the research presented (see attached judging sheet).*

The judging panel should include at least three members who between them fulfil the following criteria:

- *expertise in statistics, and quantitative and qualitative techniques*
- *at least one senior academic*
- *representation from more than one centre*
- *representation from more than one profession.*

The decision of the judges is final.

The award:

Those presenters selected to compete for the award are expected to attend the Annual Meeting as a whole, but especially the annual dinner of the Society where the award will be announced as part of the evening.

The winner of the New Investigator Award will receive \$2,500 in prize money. The award is intended to enable the winner to travel to an Australian conference and present their work in an international forum.