



# Melbourne Medical School 2021 Publication Prize for Students and Early Career Researchers

## Scheme Guidelines

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Publication Prize aims to recognise and reward high quality research produced by Early Career Researchers and students enrolled in one of the below listed Melbourne Medical School degrees and encourage them to further disseminate their research findings through publications and presentations.

The School will make an open call for applications. Details on the application process will be made available via email communication and the [MMS Intranet](#).

### 2. Key Dates

- 2.1 *Closing date:* Electronic applications must be submitted to [mms-research@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mms-research@unimelb.edu.au) by 11:59pm on **Wednesday 29 September 2021**.
- 2.2 *Outcomes:* It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of outcomes by **late October**
- 2.3 *Conditions of award:* Recipients must confirm their acceptance of the Prize in writing within one week of offer. The Prize certificate and funds will be awarded once the recipient has a brief presented on their published work at the Melbourne Medical School's Research Symposium in November. This will be an online event in 2021.

### 3. Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1 **Applicants can only apply for one category of prize in this scheme, i.e. as either an ECR or student as appropriate. Please ensure that you satisfy the applicant eligibility criteria for your selected stream.**
- 3.2 For the purposes of this Prize, an Early Career Researcher (ECR) is defined as someone who has, at the date that the relevant work was accepted for publication,
- been awarded a PhD not more than five years ago (from the date of conferral), *or*
  - since conferral of PhD, experienced periods of career disruption that, when accounted for, equate to being not more than five years post-PhD
- 3.3 ECR applicants must have a current salaried or honorary appointment at Academic Level A-C with the Melbourne Medical School at the time of application.
- 3.4 Student applicants must be currently enrolled, or have been enrolled at the time of publication acceptance, in one of the following courses within the Melbourne Medical School:
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
  - Doctor of Medical Science (DMedSc)
  - Doctor of Medicine (MD)
  - Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
  - Master of Medicine (MMed)

- Master of Surgery (MSurg)

Students enrolled in a Bachelor of Science (Honours), Bachelor of Biomedicine (Honours) and Master of Biomedical Science are ineligible for this prize.

- 3.5 Students who have submitted a thesis in a course listed in section 3.4 that is currently under examination at the time of application are eligible to apply as a student.
- 3.6 Applicants who were Publication Prize Winners or Finalists in the previous year are ineligible to apply again in the same prize category.
- 3.7 Applicants must be available to present on their published research at the Melbourne Medical School's Research Symposium, to be held online in November. If an applicant becomes unable to present at this time, they must inform the School as soon as possible and submit a pre-recorded presentation.

#### 4. Publication Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1 Applications must be based upon a published journal article that fulfils each of the following criteria:
- the article must be an original or review paper and cannot be an editorial, letter or short report.
  - the applicant must be a senior author of the article (first author, equal first author, senior last author, equal last author).
  - the applicant must have been an Early Career Researcher or a student as defined in Section 3 at the date the article was accepted for publication.
- 4.2 The article must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, or accepted for publication and *in press* for a peer-reviewed journal where:
- the article is not in a draft or proof form, but rather is in the final formatted version for publication.
  - the full article can be released to the School for consideration as part of assessment for the Prize by the due date for applications.
- 4.3 The article must have been published (or accepted for publication, if in press) in the current or previous calendar year
- 4.4 The applicant's affiliation on the article must include the 'Melbourne Medical School, University of Melbourne', or one of the [Academic Departments of the School](#)
- 4.5 A publication can only be submitted once for this Prize and only one application can be submitted per individual per application round.

#### 5. Assessment Criteria

- 5.1 Prizes will be awarded based upon the quality of the publication and the significance and/or impact of the research findings, as described by the applicant in the application form.
- 5.2 A School assessment panel will score and rank applications according to the following criteria as defined by NHMRC guidelines:
- Research quality (50%)
  - Innovation and creativity (25%)
  - Significance and impact (25%)

- 5.3 Early Career Researcher and Student Prize categories will be assessed and ranked separately by different panels.

## 6. Prize Money and Award Conditions

- 6.1 Prize winners and up to two other finalists in each category will be awarded monetary prizes. Award amounts are as follows:
- \$1,000 for winner
  - \$500 for finalists (up to two)
- 6.2 Prize funds for ECR winners and finalists will be allocated to a Themis UoM account string nominated by the recipient as a one-off payment.
- 6.3 Prize funds for student winners and finalists who are actively enrolled in an eligible degree will be allocated as a one-off bursary. For student winners and finalists without an active enrolment, funds will be allocated to a Themis UoM account string nominated by the recipient.
- 6.4 As a condition of award, prize winners and finalists must present their award-winning published work at the Melbourne Medical School Research Symposium. Winners and finalists will also be presented with a certificate following their presentation at the MMS Research Symposium.
- 6.5 The School reserves the right to refrain from awarding a Prize, or Prize Finalists, if the School assessment panel deems that there is a lack of applications of suitable quality to warrant such awards.