



Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020

Bruce Hunt Lecture Theatre
21 October 2020 from 9:00am – 2:30pm

Guidelines and Conditions

Closing Date: 5:00pm AWST Friday, 4 September 2020

RPH Research Foundation
<https://www.rphresearchfoundation.org.au/symposium2020>

1. About RPH Research Foundation

For the past 37 years, the RPH Research Foundation has been improving our community's health by funding leading world-class medical research, ideas and innovations at Royal Perth Hospital.

The Foundation links universities, research centres and researchers with the Royal Perth Bentley Group and more broadly with the East Metropolitan Health Service to maximise health research impact.

The Foundation strives to build on its rich history of research funding through the delivery of strategic objectives:

- Growth through leadership
- Research capability and Impact
- Environment for success
- Stakeholder engagement

By providing year-on-year funding and in-house facility support to researchers across a range of disciplines, the Foundation has become a renowned leader in its field. Its core vision is to champion innovative research that has a real impact on the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

2. The RPH Research Foundation's Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020

The RPH Research Foundation is applying a competitive process to select presenters for this year's Research Symposium and Awards Day.

The 2020 event has been tailored to support and encourage Early Career Researchers (ECRs), including students and postgraduates, while also enabling established clinicians and scientists to showcase their work.

All applicants to participate at the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020 will have their abstracts reviewed by an independent Peer Review Panel. Up to 12 of the best abstracts will be chosen to present their research (oral or poster) at this event and vie for one of 5 prizes to the value of up to \$1,200 each.

The \$1,200 prizes for ECRs will be given to each winner in the form of a reimbursement, should they wish to use the award to attend a medical research conference or professional development course. For example,



successful recipients can claim the award to fund activities strictly related to their research work (i.e. conference travel and associated fees, publication costs, course registrations).

A new \$1,200 Mentorship Award will be awarded. The award will be used towards the research work that the mentor supervises. Researchers working within the East Metropolitan Health Service and RPH Research Foundation residents are invited to nominate their supervisors and colleagues for this inaugural award.

A Poster Prize of \$1,200 is among the 5 prizes on offer this year.

In order to facilitate the selection process for this event and give the Peer Review Panel time to evaluate the abstracts and posters, applications must be received by no later than 5.00pm AWST on Friday, 4 September 2020.

Mentorship Award nominations also close at this time.

Applicants selected to present at the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020 will be notified on Friday, 2 October 2020.

Poster presenters are expected to prepare a 3-minute talk which they will deliver during the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020.

The Mentorship Award will be announced at the conclusion of Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020. The recipient will give a brief acceptance speech.

Research Symposium 2020 presenters will have from 2 October to 16 October to develop their presentations prior to submitting their PowerPoint slides to the RPH Research Foundation by no later than 5.00pm AWST on Friday, 16 October 2020. Slides are to be emailed to: alex@rphresearchfoundation.org.au

If the PowerPoint slides are not received within the required time frame, the Foundation reserves the right to disqualify the speaker from presenting at the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020.

The RPH Research Foundation has established 5 award categories to recognise current practicing clinicians and scientists with a focus on Early Career Researchers. who have made significant contributions to implement and advance scientific knowledge in clinical research and practice associated with current projects.

Number of Awards	Awards	Prize
1	Mentorship Award	\$1,200
1	Best Presentation – Clinical Early Career Researcher	\$1,200
1	Best Presentation – Scientist Early Career Researcher	\$1,200
1	Best Presentation – Student/Post Graduate Researcher	\$1,200
1	Best Poster Presentation	\$1,200

The goal of these awards is to acknowledge and encourage Early Career Researchers (both clinicians and scientists) across the East Metropolitan Health Service to ensure that research is seen as a vital aspect of everyday practice.

3. Awards Eligibility Criteria

There are 4 categories of eligibility:

Mentorship Award

To be eligible for these awards, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Being a senior/established medical, allied health or nursing practitioner and/or a biomedical, biomaterial or bioengineering scientist.
- Being an accomplished investigator with sustained record of competitive research funding and an active research program.
- Manage and/or direct the work of researchers within a team, department and/or research centre within the East Metropolitan Health Service and the RPH Research Foundation residents.
- Have a demonstratable track record in mentoring and fostering scientific creativity and professional career development of Early Career Researchers.

Early Career Researcher Awards

To be eligible for these awards, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Being registered as a medical, allied health or nursing practitioner and/or be qualified as a biomedical, biomaterial or bioengineering scientist.
- Having undertaken or completed a research project conducted at the Royal Perth Hospital and/or within the East Metropolitan Health Service within the past 18 months (i.e. 2019 or later).

Student/Post Graduate Researcher Award

To be eligible for this award, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be affiliated with, or studying a relevant degree at, one of Western Australia's major tertiary institutions and/or working in a newly qualified capacity within the East Metropolitan Health Service or RPH Research Foundation residents.
- Been an active participant in a research project conducted at the Royal Perth Hospital and/or within the East Metropolitan Health Service within the past 18 months (i.e. 2019 or later).

Best Poster Presentation Award

To be eligible for this award, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be affiliated with, or studying a relevant degree at, one of Western Australia’s major tertiary institutions and/or working in a newly qualified capacity within the East Metropolitan Health Service or RPH Research Foundation residents.
- Been an active participant in a research project conducted at the Royal Perth Hospital and/or within the East Metropolitan Health Service within the past 18 months (i.e. 2019 or later).
- All submissions must be designed on the RPH Research Foundation’s supplied template. [Click here](#) to access the digital template or visit www.rphresearchfoundation.org.au/symposium2020 for details.
- Posters are to be submitted through the RPH RF Applications Portal.
- Posters must be in .pdf format with a maximum file size of 25MB.

4. Application Process and Key Dates

Applicants are invited to submit an abstract for the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020 online using the electronic Grants and Award management system Blackbaud Grantmaking™.

[Please visit our Symposium 2020 site to access the Application Portal](#)

The deadline for submitting the Abstracts, Posters and Mentorship Award nominations will be 5:00pm AWST, Friday 4 September 2020.

Under no circumstances will late submissions be accepted.

Application Stages	Key Dates
Call for Abstracts and Posters - Open	7 August 2020
Call for Abstracts and Posters - Close	4 September 2020
Assessment	By 1 October 2020
Applicants are invited to present at the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020	2 October 2020
Submission of posters and PowerPoint presentations/slides deadline	16 October 2020
Presentation Day, Review Process and Awards Notification	21 October 2020

Abstracts should be organised under the following headings: Background, Aim(s), Method(s), Result(s), Summary and Conclusions.

On the abstract form, the applicant must be listed first, as primary author and presenter of the abstract entered for the competition. Co-authors, if any, should also be listed on the abstract. Please note that the abstract should not exceed the limit of 300 words (excluding authors and affiliation).

5. Presentation

Oral presentations will be up to 10 minutes followed by 3 minutes for questions.

Poster presenters are required to attend to their posters in between sessions.

Selected candidates will be required to provide a file of their presentation in a compatible *.ppt format to alex@rphresearchfoundation.org.au by Friday, 16 October 2020.

6. Award Details

Each Award consists of \$1,200 prize and a certificate that will be presented to each recipient at the conclusion of the Research Symposium 2020. The successful recipients can claim the award to fund activities strictly related to their research work (i.e. conference travel and associated fees, publication costs, course registrations).

Their abstracts will also be publicised throughout the Foundation's networks, including its website and social media accounts.

7. Assessment Criteria

The Peer Review Panel will evaluate the applicants as follows:

Criteria	Score
Abstract	35%
Verbal Presentation (not to exceed 10 minutes)	35%
Question-and-Answer Period (not to exceed 3 minutes)	30%
TOTAL	100%

The Peer Review Panel will determine the successful presenter and poster applicants. All the recipients will be announced at the Closing Ceremony of the Research Symposium 2020.

8. Feedback

All applicants are encouraged to provide feedback on our award application process. A request to participate in an online survey will be emailed after the event to enable applicants and attendees to communicate with the Foundation in a meaningful way.