

## 2020 CSANZ Ralph Reader Prize

### Eligibility Criteria and Award Conditions

#### Background

The Ralph Reader Prize was originally the Young Investigators Award and was first presented in 1980. It was named after Dr Ralph Reader as a tribute to his encouragement of young investigators during his time as Medical Director of the National Heart Foundation from 1961-70 and as Director and Chief Executive from 1970 until his retirement in 1980.

The Ralph Reader Prize remains the most prestigious research award to young investigators by the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ).

Three finalists will be selected in each section, Clinical and Basic Science, to present their work in the Ralph Reader prize session at the CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting. The Ralph Reader Prize is awarded to the best individual presentation in each prize session.

#### 1. Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1. Applicants must still be in training and can be advanced trainees, undergraduates, medical students, PhD students or research students including nurses, scientists and allied health professionals up to the level of postdoctoral fellow; in cardiology or cardiac surgery.
- 1.2. Post-doctoral applicants must be no more than six years-post award of PhD.
- 1.3. The applicant must be domiciled in Australia or New Zealand.
- 1.4. The applicant must be a Member of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand or have submitted an application for membership by the submission deadline.
- 1.5. The work must have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand and the applicant must have made a significant contribution to the concept and execution of the work.
- 1.6. Previous winners in the same category are not eligible to enter. However, prize winners in a different CSANZ Prize, for example, the Allied Health Prize, are not precluded from entering the Ralph Reader Prize.
- 1.7. Prior to the abstract submission deadline, the abstract must NOT have been published or accepted for publication or have been presented at a national meeting or World Congress held in Australia or New Zealand prior to the prize session.

#### 2. Submission Requirements

- 2.1. Applicants for the Ralph Reader Prize must submit a full manuscript of the research project.
- 2.2. The manuscript should be a maximum of 5,000 words including references and have a maximum of five figures/tables.

- 2.3. The manuscript should focus on the project methodology and results and include robust data.
- 2.4. Submissions for the Ralph Reader Prize are restricted to a **single paper only**.
- 2.5. The application **must** also be accompanied by the following supporting documents:
  - a. A statement confirming that the abstract is the author's "Best Single Work" signed by the applicant's supervisor.
  - b. A detailed letter of support from the supervisor or Director of the laboratory or service from which the work has emanated, clearly detailing the following information:
    - the applicant's position (advanced trainee, researcher, post-doc etc)
    - details about the contribution made by the applicant towards the work being presented.
    - identify new work specific to the submission
    - any previous presentations of the work
    - distinguish work previously performed in the supervisor's laboratory or department
- 2.6. Failure to provide the "Best Single Work" statement and the letter from the Supervisor by the abstract submission deadline, will result in the paper being withdrawn from consideration for the Ralph Reader Prize.

### **3. Allocation to clinical or basic science**

- 3.1. Allocation to the Clinical or Basic Science session will be done by the CSANZ Scientific Committee.
- 3.2. Allocation to the Clinical section will be restricted to studies in human populations.
- 3.3. Applicants must be prepared to present in the session allocated by the Committee if selected as a finalist.

### **4. Awarding of Prizes**

- 4.1. Each finalist will receive a cash prize of AUD500.
- 4.2. The winners of the Ralph Reader Clinical and the Ralph Reader Basic Science prizes will each receive a cash prize of AUD2,500.
- 4.3. The Ralph Reader Prizes are awarded by a panel of judges but will only be awarded if a contribution is considered to be of sufficient merit.
- 4.4. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 4.5. The winners of the Ralph Reader Prize will be announced at the CSANZ AGM and Prize Ceremony on Saturday, 15 August, 2020.

Applications must be submitted to CSANZ by email: [info@csanz.edu.au](mailto:info@csanz.edu.au)

### **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**6pm AEDT Monday, 16 March, 2020**