



## **STRACHAN MEMORIAL PRIZE**

### **CONDITIONS**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Strachan Memorial Prize shall be offered from income on funds bequeathed to the Raine Medical Research Foundation by the late Mary Bickford Ferguson Strachan. The Prize shall consist of a travel allowance up to the value of \$5,000 and a medallion, which shall be awarded to an early career clinical scientist or clinician in Western Australia in the field of medical/health science for the best published scientific paper.

#### **2. Definitions**

- (a) "The Prize" refers to the Strachan Memorial Prize.
- (b) The "Research Committee" is the Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee.
- (c) "Clinical Scientist" refers to basic scientists and allied health professionals that conduct clinical research.
- (d) "Clinician" refers to medically trained doctors.
- (e) "Early-career researcher" refers to a clinical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first)<sup>1</sup> and is within five years' of additional research experience:
  - (i) PhD degree; or
  - (ii) University medical degree plus at least three years' research experience.
- (f) "Career disruption" includes pregnancy, major illness/injury, carer responsibilities including parental leave, and clinician specialty training<sup>1</sup>. This must involve a continuous absence from work for 28 days or more, or return to work on a part-time basis. "Career disruption" does not include employment outside of the research sector including time spent working in industry; clinical, administrative or teaching workload; relocation of an applicant and his/her research laboratory or clinical practice setting or other similar circumstances that impact upon research productivity.

#### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of the Prize is:

- (a) to acknowledge the achievement of an early career clinical scientist or clinician in Western Australia in the field of medical/health science who has the best published scientific paper.
- (b) to facilitate conference attendance, networking and/or research collaboration through the provision of an travel allowance to the successful applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to ratification by the Research Committee

#### 4. Eligibility

Applicants shall:

- (a) be employed by a Western Australian University or affiliated institution in Western Australia;
- (b) be an early career researcher who:
  - (i) is a clinical scientist who has completed their PhD degree; or
  - (ii) is a University medical graduate who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first)<sup>1</sup>:
    - a. has completed their PhD degree; or
    - b. has at least three years' research experience; and
  - (iii) at 30 June in the year of application be within five years of the requirements outlined in Clause 4.(b)(i) or (ii) (subject to career disruption), based on the date of the letter advising that their PhD degree or medical degree was passed.
- (c) submits a scientific paper published within five years of the requirements outlined in Clause 4.(b) (subject to career disruption).

#### 5. Application Procedure

Applicants are asked to complete and submit their online application via the Raine Medical Research Foundation website: [www.rainefoundation.org.au](http://www.rainefoundation.org.au).

Each online application shall include:

- (a) One entry of a **publication** in which they are first (Principal) author;
- (b) The applicant's **Curriculum Vitae**. Please ensure that the CV is no more than four pages in length, as additional pages will not be read;
- (c) A signed **Certification Form** with signatures of the applicant (first/Principal author) and the last (Senior) author of the publication. This form can be downloaded from the Raine Medical Research Foundation website (<http://rainefoundation.org.au/>).

#### 6. Funding

The Prize shall consist of a travel award up to the value of \$5,000 and a medallion.

#### 7. Assessment

The Prize shall be awarded by the Research Committee Chair or nominee, having regard to the recommendations of a committee, consisting of three members of the Research Committee who shall assess the applications.

Assessment criteria for a Prize shall be based upon:

- (a) the significance of the project;
- (b) the applicant's contribution;

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(c) the journal impact factor; and

(d) citation numbers, if available.

Where the Research Committee ranks applications of equal merit for award of the Prize, it reserves the right to make more than one award.

#### **8. Reporting**

Prize recipients will be required to submit a report and acquittal statement one year after the Prize is awarded. The report should include research activities and benefits that were achieved from the travel funding (e.g. conference attendance, symposia, or annual meetings, including oral or poster presentations).

Report and acquittal statement templates will be available on the Raine Medical Research Foundation website (<http://rainefoundation.org.au/>).

#### **9. Acknowledgement**

Oral presentations, posters, or other relevant publicity shall acknowledge the Strachan Memorial Prize.

*The Raine Medical Research Foundation reserves the right not to award a Prize.*