



Strachan Memorial Prize

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, and shall support clinical scientists in the medical and health research field.

Guidelines and Conditions

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Prize is:

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

2. Definitions

- (1) The 'Prize' refers to the Strachan Memorial Prize.
- (2) The 'Research Committee' is the Raine Medical Research Foundation Research Committee, and may include specialist representatives.
- (3) 'Clinical Scientist' refers to a qualified professional who contributes to clinical research.
- (4) 'Clinician' refers to a medically trained doctor who contributes to clinical research.
- (5) 'Early-career researcher' refers to a clinical scientist or clinician who satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first) and is within five years of additional research experience:
 - (a) PhD degree; or
 - (b) University medical degree plus at least three years' research experience.
- (6) 'Career disruption' includes pregnancy, major illness/injury, carer responsibilities including parental leave, and clinician specialty training. 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. Eligibility

- (1) The applicant shall be an early-career researcher who:
 - (a) is a clinical scientist who has completed their PhD degree; or

- (b) is a University medical graduate who conducts clinical research and satisfies the requirements listed below (whichever is completed first):
 - (i) has completed their PhD degree; or
 - (ii) has at least three years' research experience; and
 - (c) at 30 June in the year of application be within five years of the requirements outlined in Clause 3.(1)(a) or (b) (subject to career disruption) based on the date of the letter advising that their PhD degree has been passed, or the date their medical degree plus three years research experience has concluded.
- (2) Applicants shall be employed by a Western Australian University or affiliated medical research institution in Western Australia at the time of application and for the duration of the Prize award period.
- (3) Applicants shall submit a scientific paper on which they are the first (Principal) author, and that was published within five years of the requirements outlined in Clause 3.(1)(a) or (b) (subject to career disruption).

4. Assessment Criteria

- (1) The assessment criteria for a Prize shall be based upon:
- (a) the significance of the project *(40%);
 - (b) the applicant's contribution *(30%); and
 - (c) the status of the journal within its field and evidence of impact of the publication *(30%).
- (2) The Research Committee shall assess and determine the Prize on a competitive basis, and reserves the right not to award a Prize.
- (3) Where the Research Committee ranks applications of equal merit, it reserves the right to award more than one Prize.

5. Funding

- (1) The Prize shall consist of a travel award up to the value of \$5,000 and a medallion.
- (2) Travel associated with the Prize shall normally take place within a year of the Prize being awarded.

6. Guidelines

- (1) Application Form
Applicants are asked to register and submit their online application via the link on the Raine Foundation website: <http://rainefoundation.org.au/funding/strachan-memorial-prize/>. Applications cannot be amended after the closing date/time and late applications will not be accepted. Applications that do not comply with formatting requirements may be deemed ineligible.
- (2) Career Disruption
Applicants are invited to summarise any career disruption since the award of their PhD degree or University medical degree that may have affected research productivity. Please refer to Clause 2.(6) for a definition of 'Career Disruption'. Evidence should include the dates of absence or commencement of part-time work.

(3) Track Record

The applicants' *curriculum vitae* should be uploaded in PDF format, consisting of no more than four pages. Minimum acceptable font size is 10 point, with 1.5 line spacing and margins of at least 2 cm. The document shall not exceed 5 MB and shall be labelled as shown in the relevant section of the Application Form.

(4) Publication

The application shall include one entry of a publication in which the applicant is the first (Principal) author.

(5) Significance of the Project

Applicants are asked to describe the significance of the published work and whether the outcomes address an important problem.

(6) Applicants contribution to the work

Applicants are asked to please provide a full description of their personal involvement and contribution to the Project.

(7) Certification Form

The Certification Form should be downloaded from the [Raine Foundation website](#). Signatures of the Applicant/first (Principal) author and the last (Senior) author of the publication are mandatory and must be submitted in the online application by the closing date and time. Electronic signatures are acceptable in the fillable PDF form. Applications that are submitted without all signatures on the Certification Form will not be considered. The form should be uploaded in PDF format and labelled as outlined in the relevant section of the Application Form.

7. Reporting

(1) A final report template is available on the [Raine Foundation website](#).

(2) Reports shall include research activities and benefits that were achieved from the travel funding such as:

- (a) attendance at conferences, workshops, annual meetings, or research institutions, including oral or poster presentations; and
- (b) collaborative activities and networking.

8. Acknowledgement

Oral presentations, posters, or other relevant publicity shall acknowledge the support provided by the Strachan Bequest and the Raine Medical Research Foundation.