

## **Abstracts Awards Criteria**

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Delegates who would like to present their work at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Judging Panel.

Please use the online submission process. Your abstract will be submitted and be assessed for presentation at the ASM.

If your abstract is accepted, the judges will assess whether your work will be presented as a poster, or as an oral presentation. The majority of successfully submitted abstracts will be for poster presentations. All poster formats will be required to be submitted electronically and will be displayed on the conference website. If you would like to present your work as an oral presentation, indicate this on the online form.

There will be limited oral presentations for abstracts of particular interest to the New Zealand gastroenterology community at the discretion of the judges.

Please refer to the 'Abstract Guide' for technical guidance on abstracts, oral presentations and posters.

### **NZSG Annual Scientific Meeting Awards**

The Executive of the Society has a goal to improve the awards for the Annual Scientific Meeting in order to:

- Improve transparency and fairness for potential award candidates
- Provide clarity regarding eligibility for awards and prizes
- Encourage the submission of work with scientific and clinical interest
- Improve the fairness, transparency and efficiency of the assessment and judging process
- Move the award process towards similar models undertaken by international societies
- Encourage audience attendance at the ASM for oral and poster presentations
- Integrate oral and poster presentations effectively into the ASM programme
- Encourage the publication of work
- Celebrate the publication of work by our society's members

The judging of the awards will take place before the ASM, and will be based on the quality and scientific merit of the abstract. The winning authors / investigators will be advised once the judging is completed prior to the ASM.

### **Categories**

Abstracts should be submitted into the relevant category:

Luminal

Hepatology

Endoscopy

Nutrition/other

### **Young Investigators Award**

1 x Luminal, 1 x Hepatology, 1 x Endoscopy, 1 x Nutrition/Other

The best abstracts will be (one luminal, one hepatology, one endoscopy and one nutrition/other) presented orally as part of the scientific programme, and placed within planned sessions, to give the Young Investigators of the Year an opportunity to present alongside national speakers.

### **Abstracts of Merit**

Abstracts of merit will be awarded a prize and will be included in the programme as an Oral presentation

**Posters of Distinction**

Other abstracts of merit will be awarded a prize for 'Poster of Distinction'.

It is expected that all oral presentations and posters be of a high standard. The criteria for oral presentations (such as time for each presenter) will be communicated after the judging process.

## The NZSG YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

**Luminal  
Hepatology  
Endoscopy  
Nutrition/other**

Award amount : \$250

Grant to support publication: \$250

## NZSG POSTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Grant to support publication: \$125

### **Eligibility**

Gastroenterologists, Surgeons, Scientists, Gastroenterological medical or surgical Registrars and Medical Students **who are financial members of the NZ Society of Gastroenterology** (please refer to the NZSG Website for membership criteria) may submit their abstract for the Young Investigator Awards. Preference will be given to younger investigators, particularly trainees and research fellows, to foster an active interest in research.

Presentation at the conference is a competitive process. Each abstract will be scored in a blinded fashion by the Scientific Committee.

### **The following criteria will be used when judging abstracts:**

1. Originality: How original or unique is the idea, observation or research?
2. Clinical usefulness: Does the abstract address an important scientific or clinical question?
3. Quality of the Abstract: How coherently written is the abstract? How appealing would this work be to journal editors?
4. Ethics: Does the work adhere to ethical guidelines?
5. Design and methods. Is there evidence of statistical method? What is the nature of the work? (For example, a clinical or scientific trial would generally carry more weight than a clinical audit or case series).
6. Results and conclusions: Are the conclusions are justified by the methods and results?

Judges appointed by the President of the New Zealand Gastroenterology Society will rate each abstract blindly using these criteria. Up to four winning abstracts will be chosen for the Young Investigator Awards. Up to eight abstracts can be awarded Posters of Merit. The Society has the discretion not to award to the full allocation if the abstracts presented are not of a suitable standard.

Winners will be notified by email once judging is complete. They will receive a certificate and prize at the Award Ceremony.

The value of the Award is at the discretion of the NZSG Executive. The Award is tenable for one year. The Award should assist the successful candidate to undertake a programme of further research, post-graduate training, or assist in presentation of the work at an overseas conference.

The publication support grant is to be used to support the publication of the investigator's paper.

For example, the grant could contribute towards the cost of a medical statistician to improve the quality of a manuscript for submission.

The recipient of the Award will present a written report to the New Zealand Gastroenterology Society within 11 months of receipt of the award. This will include progress towards publication, use of statistical analyses, training courses or conference(s) attended with regards to the work. This report will be tabled in the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

It is expected that the submitting author undertook the majority of the work for that paper, in line with accepted publication authorship guidelines.

Any publication arising from the presented material will contain acknowledgement of the support of the Society.

### **THE NZSG PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE**

Many of our society members publish work in peer reviewed journals. The NZSG wishes to acknowledge and celebrate this work, as pushing a paper through to publication requires grit and determination. We will invite all members to submit to the Executive and Convenors links to their published papers from the past 24 months. The Executive will work towards making this list available on the society website, and assess the possibility and feasibility of authors presenting key papers, or these papers being acknowledged in another form, as part of the ASM 2020 programme.

These Awards and this Agreement will be annually reviewed by the NZSG