

Faculty of Health
Masters Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research
Policy and Procedures

Title

The Faculty of Health Masters Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research

Purpose

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge excellence in research performed by Masters students within the Faculty of Health. It is intended to recognize a Masters student who has demonstrated a keen interest and clear research potential.

Award Recognition

- The recipient will receive a certificate at the Professional and Research Education Group (PREP Graduate Research Day)
- A research poster presentation (or a platform presentation if applied for and accepted by PREP) at the PREP Graduate Research Day in the year of the award.
- \$500 cash award

Eligibility

1. All graduate students registered in the previous 11 months in a School/College Masters Program in the Faculty of Health.
2. Masters students must have completed their thesis/research project proposal, data collection and at a minimum a preliminary analysis of their data.
3. Applicants must have submitted an abstract for either a platform or poster presentation for the annual PREP Graduate Research Day (normally held in May).
4. Previous winners of the Masters award are NOT eligible to apply.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed on the basis of;

- The scientific merit of the research submitted
- Evidence within the supporting documents that the student has had a significant role in the development and execution of the research and has clearly demonstrated their research potential

Application Process

Students with a submitted platform or poster abstract for the PREP Graduate Research Day will be invited by the Director – Research Services to submit the following documentation to the Selection Committee:

- The PREP abstract
- A CV
- A letter of support from your supervisor (or a committee member if your supervisor is unable to provide the letter) indicating your role in the project and their assessment of your research skills and potential. (max 2 pages). The letter **MUST** confirm that eligibility requirements 1 and 2 above have been met.
- Any published papers, conference proceedings or abstracts and relevant reports to external agencies you are named on (max. 5)
- A short cover letter (max. 2 pages) summarizing your thesis/research project.

Selection Committee

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Faculty of Health Research Committee and will be chaired by the Associate Dean Research or an alternate designated by the Associate Dean. The Committee will comprise a minimum of three Committee representatives including the Chair.