



President's Prizes: Clinical, Public Health and Health Services research award & Basic Science Award

The two President's Prizes are awarded by TSANZ to the best early career investigators who are current financial members of the Society. The awards will be based on a submitted abstract and invited oral presentation of research performed by the applicant in the President's Prize Symposium at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The current value of each award is up to the value of \$2,500 to attend an overseas scientific meeting. The money is to offset the cost of travel, registration and accommodation and should be used within two years of winning the prize. An additional \$500 prize for personal use is provided. Applicants must indicate their intention to be considered for the Presidents Prize on their abstract submission form.

Eligibility: To be eligible for either award the applicant must be a full-time or part-time student or researcher or working clinically in their field either full-time or part-time equivalent and be within 5 years (or 5 years full-time equivalent where a career disruption exists*) of completing their highest degree/specialist qualification at the closing date of the awards. Note the intent is that this award is for people early in their careers in both clinical/science and research, and the criteria aim to be inclusive of a range of career paths and trajectories. **More senior members undertaking later-career research degrees are not eligible.**

Early Career Researcher Awards provide assistance with travel/registration for the annual TSANZ meeting.

To be **eligible** for these awards applicants must:

- be a current financial member of the Society
- be within 3 (Clinical Researchers) or 5 (Basic Science Researchers) years of conferral of a specialist qualification/postgraduate research degree, or full-time equivalent where a career disruption exists* at the closing date of the awards
- have an abstract accepted for oral presentation
- attend and present their abstract
- apply on the abstract form for an Early Career Researcher Award at the time of abstract submission

Award

This award provides a return economy airfare (best lowest fare) from city of origin plus registration fee (or registration fee only for applicants from same state of meeting, unless from a regional area, where they may be able to receive some assistance with travel expenses)

The successful awardees for both the President's Prize and Early Career Researchers Awards will be formally announced and presented with their award at the TSANZ Annual Awards Dinner

**Career Disruption: A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption (generally considered to be ≥ 90 days FTE) to an applicant's capacity to work, due to as examples pregnancy; major illness; carer responsibilities including parental leave and care for immediate family (e.g., spouse, children or elderly parent), or work within industry (with no capacity to be involved with medical research). Note that clinical work cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption if applying for the Clinical Researcher Award, and teaching roles (within a university or Clinical environment) cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption for any award. Any relevant career disruptions need to be clearly outlined in a separate word document submitted with your abstract and be approved by the supervisor(s). The intent of the TSANZ definition of career disruption is to align with definitions used by national health research entities e.g. NHMRC.*