



Paediatric Society of New Zealand | Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa New Annual Meeting Investigator Awards

For 2025 there will be four awards:

- New investigator Medical
- New investigator Nursing / Allied Health / PHD Masters / Other
- Best Māori presenter
- Best Kaupapa Māori presentation

Purpose of the awards:

To encourage and recognise new investigator researchers undertaking research in the area of child health. We have increased the categories to enhance the scope of presenters and presentations.

Eligibility criteria are:

1. The applicant is early in their research career. This applies to those who are undergraduate or post-graduate students or are in a house surgeon / registrar / trainee role. It would not normally apply to someone who did the work while in a consultant or in a senior clinical position. Note that the criteria apply to the time during which the work was done. This means that anyone with no track record of previous research would be eligible. For example, a nurse might have only switched to having a research role in the last few years and have fewer than six publications, despite a “long” clinical career.
2. It is expected that those undertaking a project as part of their college training project will enter the RACP Trainee Research Award.
3. The Māori Rōpū have developed two awards. One for the Best Māori presenter, so we request you identify your ethnicity on submission of your abstract. The 2nd award is where the subject is Kaupapa Māori, and the presenter may be of any ethnicity.
4. The work presented should be substantially your own work. New analysis of previously collected data is allowed. The judges reserve the right to discuss this with senior members of the society from the applicant's area.
5. It is expected that applicants who are eligible will be a member of Society or have an application for membership in process.
6. If the applicant is not eligible to be a member of the Society:
 - a) *At least one co-author on the paper must be a member of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand. This member is the sponsor of the paper.*

OR

 - b) *A letter of sponsorship from a member of the Society who has been directly involved in the supervision of the work presented is attached to the application.*
7. The expectation is that only one award will be awarded per presentation. If a presenter is eligible for more than one category, the convener will identify this with the applicant and the judging panels prior to the presentations.
8. The presentations for the four awards will take place at several sessions at the conference. There is a 2-hour session of eight papers which combines the RACP trainee award and other papers and is the show piece of the conference.