



2025 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM PRIZES

Best Paper of the Year Award Judging Criteria

Submissions for the Best Paper of the Year Award will be judged in two stages.

- The first phase will involve a shortlisting phase. Papers will be given a score between 1 and 10 against scoring criteria 1. The top 4 scoring submissions will be invited to present their paper at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium.
- The second phase will involve judging the presentation at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium on Tuesday 25 November 2025. Paper presentations will be assessed against scoring criteria 2.

The shortlisting and the presentation scores will be combined for an overall score. The winner is the paper with the highest overall score and will be announced at the conclusion of the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

| SCORING CRITERIA 1 • examples of things to consider | Score | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---|---|------|---|---|---|-----------|---|----|
| | Poor | | | Good | | | | Excellent | | |
| Quality of Journal • Relative to speciality | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Introduction and Methods • Explanation of research question/aim/hypothesis • Research put in context • Recent references cited • Explanation of procedures • Methods/design/procedures suitable to answer the aim • Appropriate sampling population, sample • Proper use of Statistical/Data analysis or validation of project | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Results • Relate to objectives • Presented clearly • Appropriate use of graphs, tables, diagrams etc | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Discussion and Conclusions • Follow from results • Address the aim/hypothesis • Inform research question | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Significance of Research • Contribution to scientific/ industry/ professional research field | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Total score for criteria 1 (out of 50) | | | | | | | | | | |



| SCORING CRITERIA 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> examples of things to consider | Poor | Good | Excellent |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Overall Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity of speech Engaging voice Within time limit | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Quality of slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriateness of Slides Use of visual aids | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Audience Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker engaged the interest of the audience Speaker addressed questions appropriately | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Total score for criteria 2 (out of 30) | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Grand Total Score</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Criteria 1 + Criteria 2 = score out of 80)</p> | | | |

