



2025 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM PRIZES

BH DU Research Poster Award Guidelines

As part of our commitment to supporting the next generation of clinical and academic health and medical researchers, the BH DU Research Poster Awards will recognise the most outstanding research communicated via poster format.

Posters are a valuable opportunity to recognise researcher achievements, communicate findings and stimulate discussion, networking and the exchange of ideas between researchers and their colleagues. We utilise a virtual poster exhibition format so that these opportunities for development and recognition are accessible to all.

The BH DU Research Poster Awards focus on research undertaken by researchers with an affiliation with Barwon Health, either as an honorary, employee or student, or Deakin University researchers and students working on a BH DU research project.

Submission Process

- Applicants submit a 250-word abstract about their research in the most suitable research category:
 1. Audits
 2. Clinical trials
 3. Cohort/ population studies
 4. Qualitative research
 5. Translational research
- Authors of highly rated abstracts will be invited to prepare a PDF poster about their research for consideration for an award.
- The best poster in each category will receive a prize of \$500. Winning posters in each category will be displayed at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium.
- All posters will be displayed in a virtual poster exhibition on the Barwon Health research website.
- Authors may also be invited to deliver a 5 - 10 minute presentation about their research at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium.

HMO Research Prize

The HMO Research prize is a prize sponsored by Barwon Health's Senior Medical Staff Group (SMSG). Abstracts submitted for the Research Poster Awards by eligible Barwon Health clinical staff will also be considered for the HMO Prize. Shortlisted applicants will be required to deliver a short presentation at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium.

Key dates

- Deadline for abstract submissions: 11:59 pm, Sunday 31 August 2025
- Highly rated applicants invited to prepare posters: Monday 1 September 2025
- Deadline for poster submissions: 11:59pm, Sunday 12 October 2025
- Selected applicants invited to deliver presentation at Symposium: Mid-Late October 2025
- Winners announced at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium: Tuesday 25 November 2025

Abstract Submission conditions



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Applicants:

- must be affiliated with Barwon Health either as an employee, honorary or a student, or a Deakin University researcher or student working on a BH DU research project. Please contact research@barwonhealth.org.au if you are unsure about eligibility.
- may submit up to a maximum of 3 abstracts for this prize.

Abstracts:

- must be submitted via the RedCap form by 11:59pm, Sunday 31 August 2025. [Click here](#) to submit.
- must adhere to the 250-word limit.

Please [click here](#) to submit your abstract application via RedCap by 11:59pm, Sunday 31 August 2025.

On Monday 1 September 2025, highly rated poster abstracts will be invited to produce a PDF poster.

Please follow the below guidelines if you are invited to produce a poster.

Poster Submission conditions

1. Prepare your A1 size poster using the Barwon Health poster template (below), taking into consideration the judging criteria.
 - You may use a different template if you prefer, but please ensure it is A1 size to enable it to be printed should your poster be the winning entrant.
 - [Click here](#) to access the Research Poster Award template.
 - [Click here](#) to access the Research Poster Award judging criteria.
2. Save your poster both as a PDF file and also as a PNG image file. File size must be less than 10MB.
3. Email both versions of your poster to research@barwonhealth.org.au by 11:59pm, Sunday 12 October 2025.
4. All submitted posters will be displayed in a virtual poster exhibition on the Barwon Health research website in early November.

Please contact research@barwonhealth.org.au with any queries.

