



2025 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM PRIZES

Best Paper of the Year Award Guidelines

As part of our commitment to supporting the next generation of clinical and academic health and medical researchers, the Barwon Health Best Paper of the Year Award uses academic peer review to select a paper of outstanding quality, accepted or published between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

Submission Process

- Applicants submit their research papers for review by a panel of experts from Barwon Health. [Click here](#) to view the Best Paper of the Year judging criteria.
- The panel identifies the top four papers.
- Shortlisted authors will be required to deliver a short presentation of their findings, followed by questions, at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium.
- The best research paper as determined by the judging panel according to the judging criteria provided will receive a prize of \$1000.

Key dates

- Deadline for submissions: 11:59pm, Sunday 31 August 2025
- Shortlisted finalists announced: Monday 13 October 2025
- Finalists deliver presentations at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium: Tuesday 25 November 2025
- Winner announced at the Barwon Health Deakin University Research Symposium: Tuesday 25 November 2025

Application eligibility

Applicants:

- must be either the first or last author on the research paper, or if not, provide justification for inclusion in the competition.
- must have an affiliation with Barwon Health (honorary, employee or student).
- must not have submitted the same paper for a 2024 Best Paper of the Year award.
- may submit up to a maximum of 3 submissions for this prize.

Papers:

- must contain at least one Barwon Health affiliation in the author list. Please contact research@barwonhealth.org.au if you are unsure about eligibility.
- must be published by, or accepted in, a peer-reviewed journal between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

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

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

