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Medical Research Symposium for Students and Foundation Doctors

Wednesday 20 November 2019

Abstract submission guidance and judging criteria

There are three competitions taking place at the symposium. They are a great opportunity to present your research and quality improvement projects, and to gain experience presenting your work in a supportive environment.

You will need to indicate on the submission form whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate and your abstract will automatically be considered for all categories that are applicable below.

Competitions and prizes

The competitions taking place at the symposium include:

Poster prizes – for postgraduates and undergraduates, including best poster, highly commended, and commended.

The best posters will be awarded a medal, a QI4U license and a certificate. Runners up are awarded a certificate.

Ambuj Nath Bose Bequest for best poster relating to infectious diseases.

The winner in this category will win £50 and will be judged by the criteria outlined below for poster presentations.

Oral presentations – for postgraduate and undergraduates

The best oral presenters are awarded with a medal, a QI4U license, a certificate. The other presenters will be awarded with a certificate.

All abstracts entered for *any* of the categories are published in an online supplement of the College Journal.



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Posters

If selected, you will be asked to prepare a poster to present at the conference. There will be a 1 hour session before the symposium starts where the judges will come and view your poster during this time. There are no defined slots during this section and you will not be judged on your oral communication.

The criteria for scoring are: **written communication** (layout, clarity and visuals), and **quality of research/improvement project** (hypothesis, methodology, results, conclusions, scientific content).

We ask that the posters are printed on A1 size portrait/landscape paper.

Oral presentations

This competition will be considered for abstracts for which the judges felt merited presenting their work in a presentation. If selected, you will be asked to prepare a 10-minute oral presentation, to be followed by 5 minutes of questions from the audience.

Your presentation should cover: Research question(s) you aim to answer, relevance of the work, results, and the wider implications of your work.

The criteria for scoring are: **quality of research or improvement project** (hypothesis, methodology, results, interpretation), **presentation quality** (slide layout and text, talk structure, timekeeping), **oral communication** (ability to summarise and explain research succinctly, ability to engage audience and answer questions), and **knowledge and understanding of the wider impact of your research/improvement project**.

Abstracts

Please fill out the abstract form and submit this to standards@rcpe.ac.uk. The deadline for abstracts is **Friday 4 October midnight GMT**.

We will inform you within 3 weeks of the deadline whether your abstract is accepted for poster or oral submission.