

YIA - Abstract Submission Guidelines 2025

Submission of your abstract for this year's GESQ Young Investigator Awards needs 3 things:

1. A formal application with all of your details including preferred email address.
2. A short statement outlining the role of the young investigator in the design and/or performance of the research itself. This statement must include some explanation of how the majority of the project was undertaken in Queensland.
3. An abstract uploaded to the GESQ YIA Submission Portal in the required form.

All abstracts must follow the guidelines outlined below.

Please read these carefully to give your abstract the best possible chance of selection.

Abstract Headings

Title in **BOLD BLOCK LETTERS**. Please use Arial 12 point font with all margins set at 2.54cm.

Please include all co-authors and their institutions, although abstracts will be de-identified when distributed for external review (see below) to ensure a fair playing field.

Abstract Content

- Abstract text (excluding title, author list, affiliations and tables/figures) is limited to 400 words only and anything beyond 400 words will be deleted.

- Please use Arial 12 point font with all margins set at 2.54cm

Content of the abstract must be fully justified and single spaced

- The abstract must use the following headings: **Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions**

- Abstracts should have a clearly stated aim or hypothesis for the reader to understand the project

- Abbreviations are allowed but must be defined in full at first use

- Use only standard units in measurements and results

- Do not include references in the abstract

- Please use **Arial 12 point font** with all **margins set at 2.54cm**

- Tables and figures can be included but all content must fit on one (1) A4 page only. Any content beyond 1 page will be deleted. Smaller font can be used in Tables and Figures but do not use anything smaller than Arial 9 point font. All Figures must be legible.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION / TERMS & CONDITIONS

Selection and Judging Procedure - Blinded Review

Abstracts will be subject to blinded peer review. (These will be checked and de-identified by the Organising Committee prior to distribution to external reviewers). Marks will be allocated according to **methodology & research quality** (10 marks), **originality** (5 marks) and **impact & relevance** (5 marks). Reviewers representing a range of clinical practice are chosen to ensure equity and relevance to the target audience.

A short-list of the six (6) highest-ranked abstracts will be collated. **Successful candidates will be asked to confirm their intention to present at the YIA Session on Saturday 07 June 2025**, otherwise the next most highly-ranked candidate will be approached. If successful, you will be notified by email no later than Wednesday 21 May 2025 so please ensure that your preferred email address is included with your application. Unsuccessful will be notified by email by Friday 23 May 2025.

Young Investigator Awards Session (Sat 07 June, 2025)

Up to six (6) finalists will be selected for oral presentation. **Oral presentations are to be no longer than 10 minutes, including Questions and Answers.** Please ensure your PowerPoint presentation uses 16:9 slide dimensions.

Videos need to be checked with our AV support staff prior to the YIA Session to ensure they run smoothly. Users of Mac computers will also need to ensure their presentations are compatible. Appropriate IT support will be available on-site from Friday 06 June onwards to provide ample opportunity to check your work prior to presentation.

Each finalist will be offered **free Day Registration, one night's accommodation and free entry to the Conference Dinner** on Saturday evening. Up to two cash prizes may be awarded and all Finalists will be recognised at the presentation ceremony at the Conference Dinner. Separate prizes for best Clinical Research and best Basic Science Research may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee, depending on the quality and range of work presented.

All six (6) finalists and their abstracts will appear in the on-line Conference Registration brochure. **You will be given an opportunity to submit a final version of your abstract** when you confirm your intention to present your work.

Good luck!