

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY of ORTHODONTISTS FOUNDATION for RESEARCH and EDUCATION

MILTON R SIMS AWARD

The Australian Society of Orthodontists Foundation for Research and Education offers this award biennially. It is named in appreciation of Dr Milton R Sims' lifetime service and achievements in orthodontics.

In recognition of his pursuit of excellence in both the areas of clinical orthodontics and research, the Award is bestowed on the most meritorious student in Australia who has successfully completed an Australian graduate programme in the two and a half years prior to a Congress of the Society

The Award consists of a prize of AUD\$5,000 and an inscribed medallion.

This Award is generously sponsored by ORMCO P/L

Conditions of Entry

1. The manner in which the application for the award shall be made and the general conditions of entry shall be determined by the Foundation Committee. The decision of the Foundation Committee is final and applicants have no right of access to assessor's reports or the Foundation Committee's deliberations.
2. The applicant must have successfully completed an ASO approved post-graduate orthodontic programme at an Australian university in the two and a half years (or as the Foundation Committee sees fit) prior to a Congress of the Society at which the award is due to be bestowed.
3. Each applicant can only apply once and not in subsequent years. A maximum of one entry per nominee may be submitted.
4. The Foundation Committee shall appoint three assessors, anonymous to each other, to evaluate the entries. Acting on their advice, the Committee may either elect to bestow or withhold the award.
5. The successful candidate may be required to present a paper at a subsequent ASO Congress or meeting

Assessment Guidelines

The criteria for the award, as outlined below, will be based on research, academic and clinical considerations.

a. **Research component** (out of 25 points)

Research must have been carried out in Australia during a post-graduate course and the merit of the research will be assessed with consideration being given to the following hierarchy.

Consideration may also be given to other research prizes and awards where the research was carried out in Australia, but not during a post-graduate course, if the assessors feel it appropriate and helps to differentiate between candidates.

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| i. | Copy of best article submitted. | (10pts) |
| ii. | Articles published or accepted for publication | (5pts) |
| iii. | Articles submitted for publication | (5pts) |
| iv. | Research not included in the above | (5pts) |

b. **Academic component.** (out of 36points)

A report from the post-graduate orthodontic programme director will be evaluated. The report may include:

- i Post-graduate academic record (20pts)
- ii Details of poster displays (6pts)
- iii AOB certification (5pts)
- iv Lectures given and (5pts)
- v Academic activities that lie outside the post-graduate curriculum may be taken into consideration if the assessors feel it appropriate and helps to differentiate between candidates.

c. **Clinical component** (out of 39points)

Three clinical cases treated solely by the candidate during their time as a post-graduate student will be assessed.

- i Records (3pts per case)
- ii Analysis and Diagnosis (3pts per case)
- iii Treatment plan and options (3pts per case)
- iv Quality of result (4pts per case)

Submission of Entry

Following initial contact with the Secretary entries must be submitted digitally. The cover form, identifying the Orthodontic Department together with the name, address, telephone number and email of the applicant, can be completed in Acrobat reader. This form will be removed by the Secretary of the ASOFRE before the entry is made available to the assessors.

The entry to be assessed must not identify either the entrant or the Orthodontic Department to ensure anonymity.

All submitted material should be in PDF format.

Accompanying the entry should be a curriculum vitae of approximately one A4 page. This should mention previous dental education and experience, achievements and any awards received prior to commencing the orthodontic course. The CV should however focus more on the period subsequent to orthodontic course commencement. Care should be taken to preserve anonymity. No personal photographs are to be included.

Submit evidence or a statement that all privacy issues pertaining to the submission and patient records have been addressed. This will not be available to the assessors.

Appropriate records of the three clinical cases should be prepared and collated in digital format and uploaded as a separate PDF file labelled 'Milton Sims Award entry case A, B and C'. Study models are to be displayed as photographs. All images should be provided at a resolution not exceeding 1280 x 800 pixels in .jpg format before collation into the PDF documents

To apply, contact the Secretary of the ASOFRE. Contact details are on the ASO website at: http://www.aso.org.au/Docs/ASO_Information/ASO_Office_Bearers/ASO_Committees/ASOFRE.htm

Following your initial contact the Secretary will provide details of the online server storage location for uploading your entry documents. The completed entry form and all supporting documents are to be **uploaded before November 30th** of the year before Congress.

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S **REPORT- MILTON R SIMS AWARD**

Academic Performance:

Student rating in the Department

Level of performance equivalent e.g. first class honours

Extra curricular contribution within and outside the Department

AOB Certification

Attendances at National and International Universities and Conferences

Oral Presentations

Poster Presentations

Curriculum Related Research: topic, quality, quantity, academic importance

Extracurricular Research: topic, quality, quantity, academic importance

Future Career Directions: clinical, academic and research.

Other comments.