

## Australian Society of Orthodontists Foundation for Research and Education

# P. Raymond Begg Research Award

The P. Raymond Begg Research Award is advertised biennially by the Australian Society of Orthodontists Foundation for Education and Research (ASOFRE). The Award consists of a cash prize of AUD\$10,000 and an inscribed silver medallion.

### Award conditions:

1. The way the submission for the Award shall be made and the general conditions of the Award shall be determined by the ASOFRE Committee.
2. The entrant must be a member of the Australian Society of Orthodontists and may be a clinician in private practice, an academic, a researcher or student studying for a PhD or other higher degree in an orthodontic programme.
3. This award is not available to a student enrolled in a degree leading to their qualification as an orthodontist, except in exceptional circumstances.
4. The research may be undertaken overseas, but if so, the entrant must be a graduate of an Australian Orthodontic programme or have a strong affiliation with such a programme.
5. Eligibility to submit for the Begg Award will be determined by the ASOFRE Committee.
6. A previous recipient of this Award may reapply for this Award with a new body of research.

### The Submission:

- Should be an outstanding paper, or a series of papers, reporting original research and must:
  - be of significance to orthodontics.
  - The paper, or series of papers, may have been published.
  - An unpublished paper should be submitted in a format suitable for publication in a major orthodontic or scientific journal.
- If the submission is a paper(s) with multiple authors:
  - The entrant must acknowledge that he/she is the major contributor to the research and to the paper(s).
  - Where a series of papers are submitted, and the entrant is not the major contributor

to the research and paper, the entrant must be the coordinator or supervisor of the research undertaken and be responsible for the concept and format of the research.

- Papers where the entrant is not the major contributor or researcher, and not the coordinator or supervisor, can be listed in the submission only as support material or in the curriculum vitae.
- Entrants may submit a maximum of one entry each time the Award is advertised.
- The ASOFRE Committee will appoint assessors anonymous to each other to evaluate the entries, and acting on their advice may or may not elect to bestow the Award. The identity of assessors and unsuccessful entrants will not be disclosed by either the ASOFRE Committee or assessors.
- Award winners may be required to present a paper describing the research at a Congress or Foundation Meeting of the Australian Society of Orthodontists.
- A cheque for \$10,000 and the medallion will be presented to the successful entrant at an appropriate ASO Congress or Foundation Meeting.
- The decision of the ASOFRE Committee is final and entrants have no right of access to assessors' reports or the Committee's deliberations.

### Submission of Entry:

Please fill in the form <https://www.aso.org.au/asofre-award-application-form> on the awards information page on the ASO website. The awards secretary will contact you with appropriate arrangements to complete your application requirements.

If you have any questions about the award or its conditions, please contact the ASOFRE Secretary at [mailto: sec@asofre.org.au](mailto:sec@asofre.org.au)

Please note that the submission of your entry must include:

- A Curriculum Vitae.
- A separate covering letter with:
  - The title of the paper, or series of papers
  - The name(s), affiliation(s), postal address(es), telephone and fax number(s) and email address(es) of the author(s).
  - A statement verifying that you are the principal researcher and author and/or the coordinator or supervisor responsible for the concept and format of the research.

## Assessment Criteria

1. The importance and contribution of the paper, or series of papers, to the field and advancement of orthodontics: 40 points.
  - a. Is the research in this field needed?
  - b. Would the results be of practical and/or immediate use to patient health?
  - c. Does this research address needs outlined by other researchers and clinicians?
  - d. Will this research encourage future high-quality research or treatment by others?
  - e. Will it advance orthodontic progress in this field?
  - f. Has the entrant established a high-quality track record in the field?
2. The originality of the research or techniques used in the research: 20 points.
  - a. How original was the research?
  - b. Did the entrant have to develop or adopt new techniques?
  - c. Was the research innovative or a tried and tested approach?
3. The quality of the research and techniques used: 20 points.
  - a. Were the methods and design used best practice?
  - b. Have all ethical considerations been addressed?
4. The presentation of the paper(s) in scientific format: 20 points.
  - a. Does the entry fulfill all the conditions of the award?
  - b. Quality and clarity of writing, statistics, tables, drawings and photographs?
  - c. Extent, recency and presentation of research bibliography?

**Total: 100 points**