

Australian Society of Orthodontists Foundation for Research and Education

Elsdon Storey Research Award

Originally called the First Research Award, the Elsdon Storey Research Award is advertised annually by the Australian Society of Orthodontists Foundation for Research and Education (ASOFRE). The prize, for the most meritorious research paper, consists of a cash award of AUD \$5,000 and an inscribed bronze medallion.

Award conditions

1. The ASOFRE Committee shall determine the general conditions and manner of submission for the prize.
2. The entrant must be a member of the Australian Society of Orthodontists Inc. (ASO).
3. Individuals may submit an original research paper pertaining to orthodontics, or a related field, with the following conditions:
 - the paper is not based on research carried out as part of any other degree,
 - the paper submitted be based on research carried out during the orthodontic specialist training.
4. Conventional scientific format must be followed and should be formatted as ready for submission to the Australian Orthodontic Journal, or other major orthodontic or research journal. Entries should not normally exceed 5,000 words.
5. Authors may submit a maximum of one entry each time the prize is advertised. If the study is to be presented or published as two or more separate parts, only one of the publications or parts can be submitted for the Award.
6. If the entry is a paper with multiple authors, the candidate must acknowledge that he/she is the major contributor to the research and to the paper.
7. The ASOFRE Committee shall appoint Assessors who shall be anonymous to each other to evaluate the entries. Acting on their advice the ASOFRE Committee may or may not elect to award the prize.
8. Award winners will be required to present a paper describing the research, at an ASO Foundation Meeting.
9. The medallion will be presented to the successful candidate at a mutually agreed ASO

Congress or Foundation Meeting. The \$5000 will be provided to the successful applicant with

the understanding that the winner will present their research at an ASO Congress or Foundation meeting, and that the paper be submitted to the Australian Orthodontic Journal or other major orthodontic or research journal.

10. The ASOFRE Committee may present a SPECIAL MERIT AWARD to an unsuccessful applicant.

11. The decision of the ASOFRE Committee is final and applicants have no right of access to the Assessors' reports or the ASOFRE Committee's deliberations.

Submission of Entry:

The closing date for submission is November 30th each year.

- The secretary or Awards committee member will communicate directly with you following your initial application regarding how and where to submit documents for this Award.
- Your paper should be formatted according to the requirements for publishing in the Australian Orthodontic Journal or other major orthodontic or research journal (a maximum of 5000 words).
- All identifying references to the author and university program must be removed to maintain anonymity with the assessors. If identifying references are not removed it may lead to the disqualification of entry.
- Include:
 - The title of the paper, the name(s), affiliation(s), postal address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address(es) of the author(s).
 - Document form the head of department stating that the candidate is the major contributor and author to the study, and details of any previous submissions (with or without revisions) of this paper for awards and/or publication.
 - **The de-identified paper**
- Scores may be deducted when a submission is unnecessarily long, contains unnecessary tables, contains incomplete or unnecessary referencing, has conclusions not supported by the data and contains spelling and formatting mistakes.

The essay and supporting documents are required to be submitted in full no later than 2 weeks after the closing date.

Papers are to be scored with the following sections and criteria in mind:

• Abstract (suggested limit 250 words)	10 marks
• Introduction and Aims	10 marks
• Materials and Methods	10 marks
• Images	5 marks
(if no images required or provided 'Materials and Methods' to be out of 25)	
• Statistics and Results	10 marks
• Tables	5 marks
(If no tables required or provided 'Discussion & Conclusion' to be out of 15)	
• Discussion and Conclusion	25 marks
• Quality of Layout and Grammar and appropriate length and content	
(suggested total limit of 5,000 words)	
• Contribution to Literature	15 marks
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Total	100 marks