

## 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 and New Zealand who has successfully completed an Australian or New Zealand graduate programme in the two and a half years prior to a Congress of the ASO.

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 way 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 ASOFRE Committee is final and applicants have no right of access to assessor's reports or the Committee's deliberations.
2. The applicant must have successfully completed an ASO or NZAO approved post graduate orthodontic programme in the two and a half years prior to a Congress of the Society at which the Award is due to be bestowed.
3. Each applicant can only apply once.
4. The ASOFRE 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 will be required to present a paper at a subsequent ASO Congress or Foundation meeting.
6. The entrant must be a member of the Australian Society of Orthodontists or New Zealand Association of Orthodontists.

### 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 secretary will contact you regarding arrangements to transfer your material to our document site.

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Do place your initial application form at the earliest opportunity so that ASOFRE committee members can assist you with completing the submission on time.

**The closing date for application is November 30th biennially in the year before ASO Congress.**

**All material for this Award is required to be submitted in full no later than 2 weeks after the closing date.**

### **Assessment Criteria**

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

#### **Research component (out of 25 points)**

Research must have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand during orthodontic specialist training and the merit of the research will be assessed with the following hierarchy. Consideration may also be given to other research prizes and awards where the research was carried out in Australia or New Zealand, but not during a post-graduate course, if the assessors feel it appropriate and helps to differentiate between candidates.

- Copy of best article /research paper submitted (10 points)
- Articles published or accepted for publication (5 points)
- Articles submitted for publication (5 points)
- Research not included in the above (5 points)

#### **Academic component (out of 36 points)**

The academic component includes:

- Post-graduate academic record (20 points)
- Details of poster displays (6 points)
- AOB certification (5 points)
- Lectures given and 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. (5 points)

#### **Clinical component (out of 39 points)**

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

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- Records (3 points)
- Analysis and Diagnosis (3 points)
- Treatment plan and options (3 points)
- Quality of result (4 points)

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### **Additional information for candidates:**

**1. All submitted material including the case studies should be delivered in PDF format.**  
This will ensure the protection of the document.

**Please follow the naming syntax:**

**Candidate Number followed by Filename.**

e.g., **Candidate 1 Case Presentation 1 Or Candidate 1 Research Paper**

Entry documents must not identify the entrant to ensure anonymity. Applicants will be identified by Candidate number only. Identifying references to the university program and / or academic or research collaborators can remain in the paper(s) as prepared and formatted for scientific publication.

**2.** 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 of time as a post-graduate orthodontic student.

Care should be taken to preserve anonymity. No personal photographs are to be included.

**3.** 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.*

**4.** Take care to address the assessment criteria.

### **Research component**

- Provide pdf copy of best article / research paper.
- List any Articles published or accepted for publication (do not include articles)
- List Articles submitted for publication (do not include articles)
- Research not included above including research prizes and awards where the research was carried out in Australia, (do not include articles).

### **Academic component**

Please provide a brief unidentified summary on a single A4 page  
e.g., **Candidate 1 academic summary**, including the following information:

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- Anticipated completion date of post-graduate degree or completion date of post-graduate degree.
- AOB certification status.
- Details of poster displays.
- Lectures given and 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.

**Candidates completing their post-graduate degree** will submit this summary to their identified Head of Department for signature and endorsement of anticipated successful completion of course before uploading as part of Award submission.

**Candidates who completed their postgraduate course the previous calendar year are** to upload the statement without need for signature and endorsement.

A digital report from the orthodontic program Head of Department may also be requested at the discretion of ASOFRE committee.

## **Clinical component**

Appropriate records of the three clinical cases should be prepared similarly to the Foundation **Case Template** provided to you following initial application. Study models are to be displayed as photographs. All images should be inserted at a resolution not exceeding 1280 x 800 pixels in **.jpg** format.

Do use the template and avoid unnecessarily long clinical case submissions.