

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 statement outlining your role in the design and/or performance of the research, which must include an explanation of how the majority of the research was undertaken in Queensland.
3. An abstract uploaded via Oxford Abstracts online portal <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/78358/submitter>. The word limit for the title and abstract are 50 and 500 words respectively. Authors and affiliations are not included in the word count.

All submitted abstracts must follow these guidelines. **Please comply with these to give your abstract the best possible chance of selection.**

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts will be de-identified when distributed for external review to ensure a fair playing field and authors and affiliations do not count towards the overall word/page limit, but a full author and affiliation list is required for submission.

The abstract itself should contain the following content:

- Abstract text (excluding title, author list, affiliations and images) is limited to 500 words. The submission tool will check this for you
- The abstract must include 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, they are not required.
- Tables and figures can be included. Contents of table will count towards the total word count.

ABSTRACT DUE DATE TUESDAY 29/04/2025

SUBMISSION QUERIES

If you have issues with the submission portal, please contact Dr Anthony Deacon at anthony.deacon@health.qld.gov.au for assistance. You will need to create a login for the submission.

JUDGING / FORMAT / TERMS & CONDITIONS

Selection and Judging Procedure - Blinded Review

Abstracts will be subject to blinded peer review after curation by the Organising Committee (to check compliance with submission requirements). Marks will be allocated according to **methodology & research quality** (10 marks), **originality** (5 marks) and **impact & relevance** (5 marks) and an **Overall Rank**. Reviewers are selected from a broad range of clinical practice to ensure equity and relevance to the target audience.

Where the YI is judged not to have played an important role in the conduct of the research (based on the project and YI statement) or the research is mostly done outside Queensland, abstracts will be rejected.

A short-list of up to 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 7 June 2025**, otherwise the next most highly-ranked candidates 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 entries will be notified by email by Friday 23 May 2025.

Young Investigator Awards Session (Sat 7 June, 2025)

Up to six (6) finalists will be selected for poster presentation. **Oral presentations are to be no longer than 10 minutes, with a further 3 minutes allocated for 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 should ensure their presentations are compatible to avoid disappointment. Experienced IT staff will be available on-site from Friday 06 June onwards to check your work.

Each oral 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 but 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 range of work presented.

Poster Presentations

New to the GESQ Noosa Meeting this year are poster presentations. Submissions which are meritorious, but are not selected for an oral presentation, will be offered a poster presentation. Offers for poster presentations will be notified by email by Wednesday 21 May 2025. The format for accepted posters will be confirmed at a later date.

Where selected for a poster presentation the author must **pay for registration to the Saturday session** of the Noosa Meeting. If they do not attend, the poster is unable to be presentation.

The best poster as judged by conference attendees will receive the “People’s choice award”.

Final Notes

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

Good luck!