

Award

Subject: DS Nelson Trainee Prize and Board of Education and Assessment Trainee Poster Prize
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The RCPA offers the DS Nelson Trainee Prize for the best oral presentation of original research by a Trainee at the RCPA Pathology Update. It is awarded in honour of the late Professor David Selwyn Nelson, a distinguished pathologist, whose research covered haematology, immunology and microbiology. He was editor of *Pathology* from 1985-1988.

The Board of Education and Assessment Trainee Poster Prize is for the best poster presentation of original research by a Trainee at Pathology Update.

All applicants are expected to abide by the criteria and presentation requirements as set out below.

Criteria

- ◆ The applicant must be a registered Trainee at the closing date of abstract submissions.
- ◆ The research to be presented at RCPA Pathology Update must have been conducted while registered as a Trainee.
- ◆ Abstract and presentation must be on original research carried out by the Trainee.
- ◆ Trainees must indicate when submitting their abstract whether they will present their research as either DS Nelson or BEA Poster Prize.
- ◆ Judges will select applicants to present at RCPA Pathology Update from each prize category based upon their submitted abstracts meeting the following criteria and scored out of 10 points:
 - Originality of research carried out by a Trainee
 - Structure and clarity of information presented
 - Research advances the understanding of the science of pathology
 - Clinical applicability and relevance
 - Novel or innovative approach to the topic.
- ◆ Abstracts will count as 10% of the overall score awarded for both prize categories
- ◆ BEA Poster Prize applicants are required to present a poster - size must be A0 (1189mm x 841mm) and portrait orientation
- ◆ Applicants wishing to enter multiple prize categories will not be permitted to submit the same abstract under different prize categories at RCPA Pathology Update. To be eligible for selection, a different abstract is required for each prize category.

Selection for Presentation

- ◆ The Chair of the Board of Education and Assessment (BEA) and BEA representatives on the relevant Advisory Committees (or their nominees) will form the selection panel and will use the criteria to rank and select the applicants to present at RCPA Pathology Update based upon their submitted abstracts
- ◆ The top abstracts (up to seven) will be selected for presentation – three for the DS Nelson Prize and four for the Poster Presentation Prize.
- ◆ The Selection Panel will judge the presentations at Pathology update.
- ◆ Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Abstracts	10%
Originality	25%
Significance of findings (scientific merit)	30%
Presentation	20%
Response to questions	15%
- ◆ Trainees whose abstracts are not selected for presentation may submit their abstract for the Roche Scientific Poster Display at Pathology Update. Abstract submission and poster requirements are listed on the RCPA website. Accepted abstracts will be published in the College Journal, *Pathology*.

Presentations

- ◆ The RCPA Vice President (or nominee) will chair the DS Nelson session
- ◆ The Selection Panel will judge the presentations using the above criteria
- ◆ DS Nelson Prize presenters are allowed 8 minutes of oral presentation time followed by 2 minutes for questions
- ◆ The RCPA Vice President (or nominee) will chair the BEA Poster presentation session
- ◆ The Selection Panel will judge the presentations using the above criteria
- ◆ BEA Poster Prize presenters are allowed 3 minutes to summarise their poster followed by 3 minutes for questions
- ◆ Presentations will be timed and presenters must cease speaking when the bell is sounded.

Award Value

- ◆ The DS Nelson Prize offers a cash award of AUD \$2000, with \$500 to the runner up
- ◆ The Board of Education and Assessment Poster Prize offers a cash award of \$1000 with \$500 to the runner up. (Prize monies are funded from the Education No 2 Fund).