



PARAMEDICS AUSTRALASIA STUDENT SCIENTIFIC GRANTS (\$2,000)

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These grants, sponsored by Paramedics Australasia Queensland Chapter, are offered by the KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation to encourage paramedic students at participating universities to strive for excellence during their course.

Paramedics Australasia Queensland sponsors a series of awards for two categories (**total** prize pool \$2,000):

- best scientific posters; (i.e. winner and runner-up) and
- best scientific papers (i.e. winner and runner-up).



Scientific Papers submitted shall have different themes and subject matter to any Scientific Poster which has been submitted by the same individual or team (and vice versa).

Second and third year Paramedic studies students from participating Universities, currently Queensland University of Technology, University of Sunshine Coast and Australian Catholic University, Central Queensland University, Griffith University and University of Southern Queensland are encouraged to apply for these small grants through their course coordinators. Either a poster or a paper must be completed as part of the course for participating students. Papers and posters must be submitted to the KJM Foundation Secretariat by the Course Coordinators of participating Universities with **3 entries in each category permitted for each university. Each entry may be submitted by no more than 2 people per submission.**

Poster Submissions: For the initial assessment of the Best Poster section submit the poster as a pdf file by email to KJMFoundation@ambulance.qld.gov.au along with the university and the author/s contact details. At the Symposium the students should bring a full-size colour poster print out for display (students to keep) so that their work can be discussed with paramedics.

The grants will be provided to assist the student/s to further their clinical studies, competencies and or general ambulance knowledge.

Grant recipient/s are shortlisted by the participating university.

Applicants will be requested to sign a waiver to allow their submission to be entered for this grant, should it qualify for short listing.

Contact your course co-ordinator for details of submission dates.

The final selection is then made through a competitive assessment process by a panel constituted by the KJM Foundation.

THEMES

The preferred themes are Ambulance Educational, Clinical or Operational Systems. The title should be sufficiently clear to reflect which theme/s is being addressed.

GUIDELINES

SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION

A short list of posters will be selected for display at the KJM Foundation Patron's Day Clinical Symposium. The winning poster/s will be identified at this display.

Poster abstracts should follow these guidelines. For presentation purposes at the symposium, posters should reflect the following recommended specifications:

- Size - A2= 594 x 420 mm; A1 = 841 x 594 mm; A0 = 1189 x 841 mm
- Materials – Laminated paper or cardboard
- Poster Text – Core text should be Arial font at approximately 16-20 point for easy reading at a distance of 1.5m
- Word limit: 750 words excluding words in tables, graphs, etc.
- Poster Themes: Ambulance Educational, Clinical or Operational Systems. The actual poster title should be sufficiently clear to reflect which theme/s is being addressed.
- Referencing is to appear on the front of the poster (either in a text box at the end or as a footer at the base of the poster), so that the audience can assess the breadth and validity of studies cited, it can be in smaller font than the rest of the text to economise on space.
- Include the author's email &/ mobile phone number on the poster interested parties to contact you.

SCIENTIFIC PAPER PRESENTATION

Papers submitted for assessment must be in the format specified below:

- As an MS Word file or pdf format.
- Title of presentation (in 14 point size, Arial font and bold).
- Text: Please provide a 250-word outline of your paper in 12-point size, Arial font.
- Word limit: 2500 words.
- A complete name, title, postal address, telephone fax numbers and e-mail address of the author/s must be included (not in the word limit).
- Specialized fonts, to avoid problems with the font-specific mathematical equations, may be used.
- 1.5 line spacing.
- Referencing is to be Harvard style.

Submissions should have a research focus and be produced at a professional standard. The content must be of benefit to ambulance clinical practice or operations.

The assessment and judging criteria are as follows:

- Academic standard: method/logic, structure and presentation
- Relevance of paper or poster proposal to the profession

A meritorious selection of student posters will be displayed at the KJM Foundation Symposium and all student authors are required to attend and present their posters during the main break of the symposium day.

The Foundation will post the winning paper/poster on the Foundation webpage for general access and viewing. If you as the author have reasons that the Foundation should not publicly display your paper/poster please advise the Foundation secretariat accordingly.

NOTE

The KJ McPherson Education & Research Foundation reserves the right to alter procedures, guidelines or awards described herein at any time, should the need arise. Should it do so, the KJM Foundation will modify these communications media and abide by its published criteria from a period no less than 14 days prior to the deadline for student submissions published annually.

All forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the website
<https://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/KJM.html#grant-forms>.