

EMDRAA Annual Conference Poster Prize

Purpose

This policy outlines the process and criteria for awarding the EMDRAA Annual Conference Poster Prize at the annual EMDRAA Conference. The Poster Prize recognises outstanding contributions in EMDR research, innovation, and advocacy, encouraging knowledge-sharing and collaboration within our community.

Award

The award will include:

- A **cash prize** (to be determined annually).
- A certificate of recognition.
- **Recognition in organisational publications** and on the website.

Eligibility

- The Poster Prize is open to all who are presenting a poster.
- The poster must be based on original work on EMDR research, service innovation, or clinical practice.
- Submissions must be made by the deadline established by the Scientific Committee.
- Submit a first-authored abstract by the closing date for abstracts of posters, and have their proposal accepted for presentation
- Only one submission per individual or team will be accepted each year.
- Be accepted for presentation at the Conference.
- Attend the conference and present the poster according to the program.

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- Has not been a previous recipient of the EMDRAA Annual Conference Poster Prize.

Submission Process

- **Call for Posters:** Five months before the conference, a call for poster submissions and guidelines for the submission format and content will be issued.
- **Submission Requirements:**
 - A 250-word abstract summarising the purpose, methods, results, and conclusions.
 - A brief biography of the lead author (no more than 150 words).

Evaluation Criteria

All poster submissions will be evaluated based on:

- **Relevance:** How the work contributes to the field of EMDR.
- **Innovation:** Originality and creativity of the research or practice.
- **Impact:** Potential or demonstrated impact on mental health outcomes.
- **Clarity:** Presentation quality, including visual appeal and ability to communicate findings.
- **Scientific Rigor:** Soundness of methodology, analysis and findings (if applicable).
- **Presentation:** Articulate quality discussion points or conclusions drawn from the findings and demonstrate the visual power of communicating main messages.

Judging Process

- **Selection of Judges:** Three to five members of the EMDRAA Scientific Committee will serve as the judging panel. The Scientific Committee may appoint an additional independent judge if necessary.
- **Initial Review:** Before the conference, judges will review all submissions and create a shortlist of candidates based on the evaluation criteria.

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- **Final Judging:** Shortlisted posters will be presented in person during the conference. Judges will visit each poster session and may ask questions of the presenter. Based on the live presentation, judges will assign a final score.
- **Final Decision:** The judges' decision is final. No discussion or correspondence will be entered into regarding decisions. In the event of a tie, the lead judge will cast the deciding vote / the prize will be divided equally where it is determined that two or more applications are of equal merit.

Award Announcement

- The winner will be announced during the closing of the conference.

Terms & Conditions

- The winning poster may be used by EMDRAA for promotional purposes, with appropriate credit to the authors.
- All submissions must adhere to ethical standards in research and practice, including protecting confidential information and properly acknowledging all contributors.

Prize allocation

- Funds will be made available following the conference.
- Awards and Prizes must be taken as offered and are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable
- By accepting an EMDRAA Award or Prize, the recipient agrees to comply with all terms and conditions.
- Payment processing may take up to 6 weeks from receipt of bank details.
- It is the responsibility of the recipient of any Award or Prize to seek their own advice on tax matters, and no tax advice can or will be provided.

Revocation of Awards or Prizes

An Award or Prize will be revoked by EMDRAA if the recipient of an Award or Prize:

- fails to fulfill the purpose of the Award or Prize
- fails to comply with the Award or Prize terms and conditions or with these terms and conditions;
- fails to meet the eligibility criteria for the Award or Prize
- fails to comply with the EMDRAA Code of Conduct;

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- is found guilty of serious misconduct, including providing inaccurate or misleading information.
- If any of the above occurs, EMDRAA may, in its sole discretion:
 - require that the recipient repay the amount of the Award or Prize; and
 - require that the recipient, if the Award or Prize is in the form of goods, return those goods.

Enquiries

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