

**Faculty of Health**  
**Masters Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research**  
**Policy and Procedures**

**Title**

The Faculty of Health Masters Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research

**Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge excellence in research performed by Masters students within the Faculty of Health. It is intended to recognize a Masters student who has demonstrated a keen interest and clear research potential.

**Award Recognition**

- The recipient will receive a certificate at the Professional and Research Education Group (PREP Graduate Research Day)
- A research poster presentation (or a platform presentation if applied for and accepted by PREP) at the PREP Graduate Research Day in the year of the award.
- \$500 cash award

**Eligibility**

1. All graduate students registered in the previous 11 months in a School/College Masters Program in the Faculty of Health.
2. Masters students must have completed their thesis/research project proposal, data collection and at a minimum a preliminary analysis of their data.
3. Applicants must have submitted an abstract for either a platform or poster presentation for the annual PREP Graduate Research Day (normally held in May).
4. Previous winners of the Masters award are NOT eligible to apply.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed on the basis of;

- The scientific merit of the research submitted
- Evidence within the supporting documents that the student has had a significant role in the development and execution of the research and has clearly demonstrated their research potential

**Application Process**

Students with a submitted platform or poster abstract for the PREP Graduate Research Day will be invited by the Director – Research Services to submit the following documentation to the Selection Committee:

- The PREP abstract
- A CV
- A letter of support from your supervisor (or a committee member if your supervisor is unable to provide the letter) indicating your role in the project and their assessment of your research skills and potential. (max 2 pages). The letter **MUST** confirm that eligibility requirements 1 and 2 above have been met.
- Any published papers, conference proceedings or abstracts and relevant reports to external agencies you are named on (max. 5)
- A short cover letter (max. 2 pages) summarizing your thesis/research project.

**Selection Committee**

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Faculty of Health Research Committee and will be chaired by the Associate Dean Research or an alternate designated by the Associate Dean. The Committee will comprise a minimum of three Committee representatives including the Chair.