



PeMSAA-UK Academic Award Submission Criteria & Award Procedure

PeMSAA-UK Award for best published Research / Audit/ Quality Improvement Project in Sri Lanka

PeMSAA-UK is keen to encourage Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya undergraduates and postgraduates to develop expertise in Research and Projects. The PeMSAA-UK Academic Award Panel endeavours to endorse this by recognising the best Research / Audit/ Quality Improvement Project (QiP) produced by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya undergraduates and postgraduates. The monetary donation offered is not a prize for an achievement but a support or facilitator towards that achievement.

There are two awards to be presented every year.

- i) Undergraduate award
- ii) Postgraduate award

The criteria and submission requirements are different for these two categories.
Undergraduate Award

The CRITERIA:

Mandatory requirements:

- The applicant/s should be registered associate member/s of the local PeMSAA
- The project should comply with basic research/ Audit/ QiP format
- The local research assessment team should have assessed the work and the Supervisor/s should support the submission.
- The shortlisted applicant/s would be requested to present the abstracts to the panel at a virtual platform

Optional requirements: but scored by the PeMSAA-UK Award Panel:

- A follow up project identified from the findings of this work & a mini summary submitted at the time of application.
- Considered for publication in a national/ local journal or presentation at a national/ local conference - submit proof

The SUBMISSION:

- If the work was a collaborative project, the leader of the team should request each and every participants to specify their role and write their reflection on the project in the same submission form (maximum 100 words, we expect a single submission form with everyone's contribution)
- Fields: Basic medical science, clinical (including audit and quality improvement), non-clinical (e.g. health management, health policy), population health or other fields related to health (e.g. health economics, social science, environment, sustainable development).
- The work should have been carried out within the previous TWO years by the time of the submission to PeMSAA-UK
- The submission should have been done before the applicant/s completing their Internship

Postgraduate trainees Award

The APPLICANT should

- Have qualified from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya within the last 15 years.
- Be a registered member of the local PeMSAA.
- Be a fully qualified doctor working as a non-Consultant grade Doctor in the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Higher Education or as a Family Practitioner.

The SUBMISSION

- The work should have been carried out in Sri Lanka. If this was a collaborative project the applicant should be the lead investigator.
- Fields: Basic medical science, clinical (including audit and quality improvement), non-clinical (e.g. health management, health policy), population health or other fields related to health (e.g. health economics, social science, environment, sustainable development).
- The work should have been published within the previous FIVE years or accepted for publication in a peer reviewed national or international journal by the time of the submission to PeMSAA-UK.

The Postgraduate award application should include the following:

- The published/ accepted for publication paper.
- How the results of the project could influence health policy or practice?
- A Reflective summary on the project, potential for future research and any planned follow-up.
- Identification of a research related regional conference and a research/healthcare facility that the applicant would seek to attend/visit to further his/her own research interest.
- The shortlisted applicant would be requested to present the abstracts to the panel at a virtual platform

The Awards

Undergraduate Medical Student/s: (two prizes)

1st Prize:

- PeMSAA-UK embossed personalised Plaque/s and Certificate/s
- A gift to the total value of £250.00 in cash

2nd Prize

- PeMSAA-UK embossed personalised Plaque/s and Certificate/s
- A gift to the total value of £150.00 in cash

Postgraduate trainee:

- PeMSAA-UK embossed personalised Plaque and Certificate
- A grant for the total value of £600.00 **but this is awarded in two installments.**
 - The first £300.00 at the time of announcement of the winner
 - The final £300.00 would be awarded after the submission of a short reflective report following the attendance at the research related conference/ visit to the relevant research facility/ research related activities.
 - The second installment should be claimed within 2 years of the award date.



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Procedures and conditions of the Award

- The Research / Audit/ Quality Improvement Project should be submitted to the President of PeMSAA UK in electronic format.
- The electronic submission form (available at www.Pemsaa.uk website) **should** be completed in full to qualify for consideration.
- The **last date for submission is 31 July of the year.**
- The President of PeMSAA-UK will consult the members of the PeMSAA-UK Academic Award Panel to select the most worthy submission.
- The PeMSAA-UK Academic Award Panel will assess the submissions according to the pre-determined structured assessment methodology.
- The final decision will be made within 2 months of the closing date for submission.
- There will be only one award per each category made annually.
- The previous winners of the PeMSAA-UK Academic Award are discouraged to apply for subsequent years awards.
- PeMSAA-UK will endeavor to present the award at the annual PeMSAA International Medical Congress/ Conference/ Event.
- PeMSAA-UK will have the entitlement to publish a summary of the winning Research / Audit/ Quality Improvement Project and the profile of the winners in their website/ annual brochure/ Newsletter.