



APSS Young Researcher Award (2023)

Application Period:
1 May 2023 – 19 June 2023

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR APSS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD (2023)

1. PURPOSE

The Asia Pacific Spine Society (APSS)'s mission is to advance the science, art, and practice of spine surgery. Its Research Committee has been striving to promote academic excellence and integrity within the Society.

The APSS Young Researcher Awards (2023) is awarded to researchers who are in the early stage of their career for outstanding research in spine. The awards are bestowed in the motive of identifying, recognising, and encouraging budding spine surgeons / researchers on their significant contributions and achievements for the advancement in spine, and have the potential to become an outstanding researcher and leader in spine research.

Thus, the APSS looks forward to receiving applications of exceptional and dedicated spine surgeons / researchers / scientists before the stipulated deadline below.

2. AWARD

There will be two (2) awards bestowed under respective category below:

- Category A: Basic Science
- Category B: Clinical Science

The Award winner receives:

- a cash prize of US\$5,000
- a certificate
- an invitation to participate in the APSS Annual Scientific Meeting
Note: one of the authors of the awarded paper shall travel at own cost (including registration, lodging and logistics) to present the paper at the APSS Annual Scientific Congress
- publication of the winning (unpublished) research in Asian Spine Journal (ASJ)

3. APPLICATION PERIOD

The award application is open for submission for a duration of 50 days in between the following dates:

- Application **Opens**: 1 May 2023
- Application **Closes**: 19 June 2023

4. APPLICATION CRITERIA / ELIGIBILITY

1. Orthopaedic (spine and neuro) researchers and scholars of all nationalities are eligible to receive APSS Young Researcher Awards.

2. Applicant must be an active, paid-up member (Annual Member with subscription active until 2025, or Life Member)
3. Applicant must be below 45 years of age as of 31 December 2024.
4. Application can only be made by established researchers employed at a university or research institution.
5. The qualification of the applicant must be recognised and documented by corresponding successes in research contributions, such as collaborations and publications.
6. The applicant is recognised internationally as researchers in their field and who have had a significant impact on their own discipline and beyond.
7. The applicant is expected to continue developing research-based solutions to the specific challenges facing transition and developing countries.
8. The applicant must agree to have at least one of its (*unpublished*) research studies published in Asian Spine Journal (ASJ), upon conferment of award.
9. The applicant must agree to present their corresponding research work at APSS Annual Scientific Congress 2023
10. The award can only be granted once to any one academic. Researchers who have already received a research award for their academic achievements from the APSS events such as from its Annual Scientific Congress are not eligible to apply.

5. APPLICATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

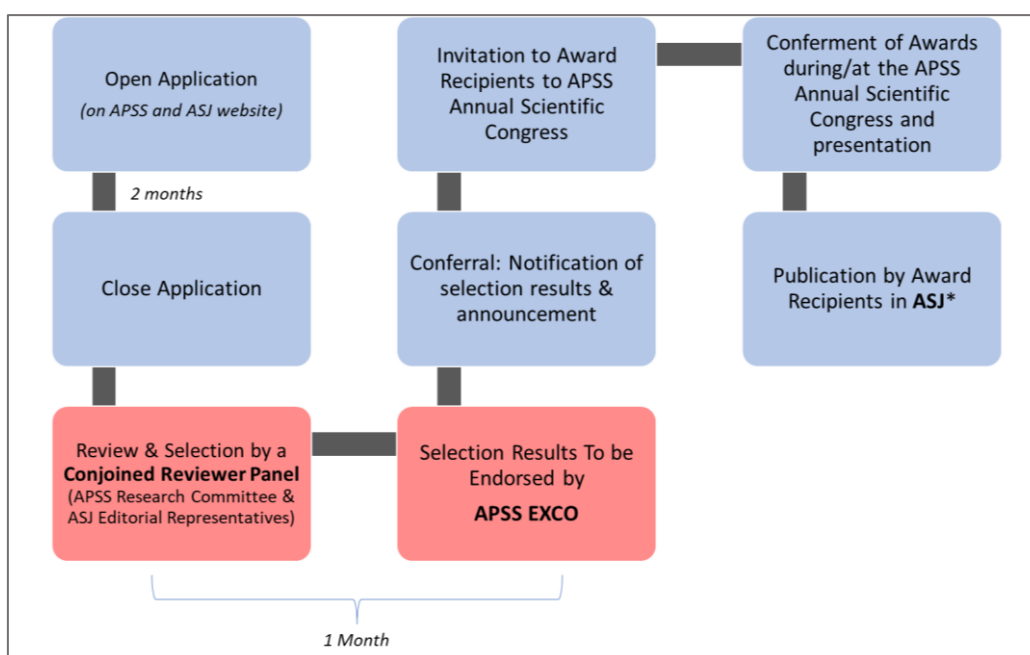
1. The application deadline must be observed. **Late submission will not be accepted.**
2. Application should include completed [Online Application Form](#) which has addressed the information required for assessment.
3. Please observe the criteria / eligibility carefully and ensure compliance. Non-compliant application will not be considered.
4. Applicants who have had previously received award from APSS Annual Scientific Congress will not be eligible for the application. This measure enables APSS to identify potential in the wider network of spine community within the region and beyond.

6. REVIEW & SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

1. All applications will be reviewed and scored by the APSS Research Committee, subsequently endorsed by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the criteria listed in (3).
2. Based on the Research Committee's evaluations, the APSS Secretariat will announce the final selection results to the applicants in July 2023.
3. Evaluation Criteria & Scores:
 - a. Significance and novelty of research studies contributed and/or participated
 - b. Scientific appraisals
 - c. Vision in spine research
4. The key dates for the award selection and conferment as follows:

Dates	Processes / Stage
1 May 2023	Call for Application Opens
19 June 2023	Call for Application Closes
20 June – 4 July 2023	Review by the Conjoined Reviewer Panel
5 – 12 July 2023	Endorsement by APSS Executive Committee
July 2023	Conferral: Notification of selection results
	Invitation to Award Recipients to APSS Annual Scientific Meeting
June 2024	Conferment of Awards during/at the APSS Annual Scientific Congress and presentation
31 Dec 2024	Publication by Award Recipients in ASJ completed

5. The process of review and finalisation as illustrated follows:



7. AWARD RECIPIENTS OBLIGATIONS

1. Award recipients are obligated of the following:
 - a. Registration and Attendance at the APSS Annual Scientific Meeting
Note: one of the authors of the awarded paper shall travel at own cost (including registration, lodging and logistics) to present the paper at the APSS Annual Scientific Congress
 - b. Presentation of their winning research study at the APSS Annual Scientific Meeting
 - c. Submission Proof for Publication
 - d. Article write-up to be featured in APSS Newsletter
2. Award Recipients are requested to acknowledge the award received from APSS in the publication under this award.

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