

WORLD'S POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH and POULTRY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Rules for the Australian Young Poultry Scientist Award

The Australian Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association, in conjunction with the Poultry Research Foundation of the University of Sydney, established the Australian Young Poultry Scientist Award following the revisit of a discontinued Syd Wilkins Memorial Fund originally established in 1983. The purpose of the Award is to recognise and encourage the contributions made by Young Scientists actively involved in poultry research supporting the Australian poultry science (industry and/or academia) community. The award was established with the objective of financing an award for outstanding research work among young poultry scientists working in Australia. The following rules and conditions, as formulated by the WPSA and the PRF, will apply to the competition, judging, presentation and other matters relating to the award.

1. Name of the Award. The award shall be known as The Australian Young Poultry Scientist Award.
2. Nature of the Award. The winner of the award will receive a cash prize of \$5000 to support a professional activity (e.g. conference attendance, professional training, publication cost, etc) on provision of a relevant receipt. The prize is equally co-funded by the WPSA and the PRF. The award will initially be presented every two years, with the possibility of becoming an annual award, subject to a determination by the WPSA and the PRF.
3. Eligibility for the Award. Any person residing in Australia in the year of competition for the Award, or whose normal place of residence is Australia, and who is under the age of 35 years old on December 31 of that year, shall be eligible to compete for the Award. Persons meeting this age requirement, whose normal place of residence is outside Australia, shall also be eligible to compete for the Prize, providing the subject matter of their entry is the research work they did while in Australia.
4. Subject Matter of Competition in the Award. The competition will be judged primarily on the resume of the candidate and merit of a nominated research paper written by the candidate, where they are listed as lead author, on any aspect of poultry science. The paper may be preferably a report of the candidate's original research but a critical review is also acceptable. The paper may also be one specifically written for entry in this competition or one written at any previous time in the candidate's career, including a paper already published in a scientific journal or in the proceedings of a conference.

Candidates who were unsuccessful in an earlier year's competition for the Prize may be invited to resubmit their earlier entry, in its original or a modified form, if, in the opinion of the judges of such earlier competition, it has sufficient merit.

Each entry for the award competition shall be accompanied by a maximum of 400 words document explaining the merit of the research undertaken, their research and scientific contributions and the type of activity for which they plan to use the award for.

5. Timetable. Competition for the Prize will be advertised in the press and by the WPSA and the PRF to its members and to relevant institutions no later than August 31 in the years in which the Prize is offered. Candidates will be required to submit their application in the above form no later than October 30. Self-nominations are acceptable. Candidatures should be submitted to PRF.
6. The winner will be decided by November 30 and the decision will be communicated to the applicants immediately. The Public announcement of the award will be made during the APSS and as part of the award presentation.
7. Judging. Each year, when the Prize is being contested, and no later than October 30. An Award Committee comprising a maximum of five members will be established, including one representative from the WPSA, one from the PRF, and up to three representatives from industry and academia. The serving President of the WPSA Australian Branch and the Director of the PRF are responsible for appointing the Award Committee. If two or more entries are considered to be of equal merit, the Award may be made jointly. If, in the opinion of the Award Committee, no candidate is of sufficient merit, the Prize will not be awarded that year.
8. Presentation of the Award. The Prize will be presented alternately by the WPSA and the PRF at the Annual Poultry Science Symposium following the Announcement of the winner. The Symposium is normally held in February.
9. Funds for the physical plaque award will be covered by WPSA Australia.
10. Change of Rules. These rules may be amended at any time by the Management Committee of the Australian Branch of WPSA and the PRF.