

New Investigator Award **Information**

Sleep in Aotearoa 2024

Annual Scientific Meeting



CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS: Friday May 10

The New Investigator Award (NIA) for excellence in the conduct and presentation of research will be made at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the ASA NZ branch (Sleep in Aotearoa). Presentations for consideration for this award will be delivered during a dedicated session on the first day of the conference. The Award is a free registration to the Australasian Annual Scientific meeting, Sleep DownUnder to be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in October this year, as well as \$1000 towards travel costs generously sponsored by Apex Medical Ltd.

All eligible applicants must be a member of ASA or the New Zealand and Australian Sleep Scientists Association (ANZSSA) and be enrolled or completed their degree at a University in Aotearoa New Zealand. The original work to be presented will have been carried out by the applicant, during the applicant's research training (up to and including PhD studies or equivalent). The age of the applicant will not determine eligibility. The applicant's eligibility should be verified by their Supervisor or Head of Department.

Eligible abstracts will be reviewed by the ASA NZ Branch Committee, and successful applicants will be required to present their abstract as an **oral** presentation in the student presentation section at the Sleep in Aotearoa meeting.

Presenters will be required to demonstrate:

- Excellence in the design, execution, analysis and critical appraisal of their research
- Ability to communicate key concepts clearly to an audience who have no specialised knowledge in the field
- Competence in answering questions and discussing points raised by the audience

The **oral** presentations will be judged by the ASA NZ branch committee and other members of ASA NZ branch. The judging will be based on scientific merit and significance (40%), visual (10%) and oral (20%) presentation and understanding/responding to questions (30%). The New Investigator Award will be presented at the Conference Dinner.

Student presenters eligible for this award must be the first AND presenting author of their abstract and must register and attend the meeting. An applicant who submits multiple first author abstracts for the NZ meeting may only select one to be considered for the New Investigator Award per year.

To submit your abstract to be considered for the New Investigator Award, please follow the instructions below:

- Complete the NIA application form. This should be signed by you and your Supervisor/Head of Department.
- Complete your abstract. Instructions are found on the NIA application form
- Submit the NIA application form together with your abstract to sleepinaotearoa@gmail.com