

# New Investigator Award **Information**

## Sleep in Aotearoa 2023

### Annual Scientific Meeting



**CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS: Friday May 12**

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 the student presentation section. The Award is a free registration to the Sleep DownUnder to be held in Adelaide on 8-11 November this year.

All eligible applicants must be a member of ASA or the Australia and New Zealand Sleep Science Association (ANZSSA). 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. The presentation will be ten minutes followed by five minutes for questions.

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.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words and follow the structure of **•Aims •Methods •Results •Conclusions**. List the author's first and last names and the presenting author's name in bold. Superscript numbers to indicate the author's affiliation(s). All abstracts should contain a Conflict of Interest statement from all authors, and be submitted as a word doc.

To submit your abstract to be considered for the NIA, please follow the instructions below:

- Complete the SIA abstract. Indicate your interest in being considered for presentation in the New Investigator Session by selecting "apply for New Investigator Award"
- Complete the [NIA application form](#). This should be signed by you and your Supervisor/Head of Department.
- Submit the abstract and NIA application form to [sleepinaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:sleepinaotearoa@gmail.com)