

Nestlé Nutrition Institute Young Researcher Award

Objective

- The objective of Nestlé Nutrition Institute Young Researcher Award is to provide awards to young researchers in the field of maternal and paediatric health & nutrition for advancement of research in these areas, to impact on the health of Malaysian pregnant & lactating women, and children in the future.

Topic of Research

- Maternal, infant and paediatric nutrition and related areas that have an impact on the health of Malaysian pregnant & lactating women, and children.
- The research has to include a nutrition or growth component to be eligible.

Target group

- Young researcher, less than 40 years of age, working in the field of maternal, infant and paediatric health & nutrition.

Eligibility / Selection Process

- The applicants should send their applications to the relevant participating **Medical Society (see below)**. Each participating Medical Society will send all applications to Nestlé Malaysia who will in turn provide the academic review panel with all applications for assessment.
- Applications will not be accepted from candidates who have previously won Nestlé Nutrition Institute (NNI) or national and international awards.
- The applicant must be a member of the participating **Medical Societies (see below)** at the time of application. Applicants who are affiliated to more than one society can only submit to ONE society of their choice.
- Applications are accepted for:
 - **Research work which are published or accepted for publication.**
 - **Abstract in proceeding for oral or poster presentation together with draft manuscript.**
 The above publication or presentation should be within 24 months prior to the closing date of applications.
- Only first authors will be considered.
- The research work submitted must have passed the Ethics Committee for human research.

Assessment Process

- The papers will be assessed by the academic review panel according to defined criteria on the research quality and potential contribution to improvement of pregnant and lactating, and child health & nutrition.
- The academic review panel will select the top 5 eligible research to each receive the 1st level award.
- The 5 eligible candidates of the 1st level award will give a 15-minute oral presentation of their research work in English at an advisory board meeting. This will provide the academic review panel with a final review to select one recipient for the best research to receive the 2nd level award.
- All decisions by the academic review panel is final.

Assessment criteria

1. Evaluation criteria for 1st level award will be as follows:

Research question	20%
Study design	10%
Methodology	10%
Statistics	10%
Study results	20%
Discussion	20%
Health impact	10%

2. Evaluation criteria for 2nd level award will be as follows:

Presentation content	35%
Visual aid	20%
Presentation skills	25%
General	20%

Participating Medical Societies

- Malaysian Paediatric Association
- The Perinatal Society of Malaysia
- The Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia
- The Nutrition Society of Malaysia
- The Malaysian Dietitians' Association
- The Malaysian Society of Allergy & Immunology
- Academy of Medicine, College of Paediatrics
- Academy of Medicine, College of O&G
- Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia

Award Prize*

- 1st level**
The 5 selected recipients will each be awarded **RM3,000**.

- 2nd level**
 - One recipient for the 2nd level award will be selected from the 5 awardees of 1st level.
 - The recipient of the 2nd level award will receive **RM10,000**.

- The NNI advisory board will confer the certificate to the recipient at the 5th NNI Symposium on 6 Sept, 2014.

*Note: NNI is not responsible how the prize money is utilized. It is at the discretion of the recipient.

Application Procedure

- Submit a copy of the paper or abstract as a PDF file to the participating medical societies. All submissions must be electronic.
- Provide a CV in English. Please include contact phone number as well as email in the CV.

1st level

- Application to be submitted to individual societies by **30 May, 2014**.
- The recipients for the 1st level awards will be finalized by **30 July, 2014**.

2nd level

- The academic advisory board will select the recipient for the 2nd level award by **29 Aug, 2014**.
- Award will be conferred at the 5th NNI symposium on **6 Sept, 2014**.