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## AMWA Early Career Award

### **Purpose**

The AMWA Early Career Award was established in 2017 to assist recently-joined members of AMWA in transitioning to a career in medical writing.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants should have fewer than two years' experience in medical writing.

The AMWA committee reserves the right to exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis regarding eligibility criteria.

### **Applications**

Applicants are invited to submit a piece of writing that must be strongly related to medicine and/or health.

The winning item may be published on the AMWA website following the completion of judging.

### **Conditions**

Applicants must be the sole author of the submitted item.

The Committee reserves the right to rescind the Award and request that any money received by a recipient be returned if they have committed plagiarism, displayed unethical behaviour that would bring AMWA into disrepute, or otherwise misled the Committee regarding their eligibility.

There is no minimum number of applications that the Committee must receive to issue the Award.

The Committee reserves the right not to issue an Award if the standard of applicants is not sufficiently high in any given year.

### **Judging process**

The judging panel will consist of not less than a majority of members of the AMWA Committee. This is a minimum of 4, not including the President, who must read all eligible applications for the Award.

One member of the Committee will lead the judging process.

The President of AMWA has the authority to resolve any disagreements in the judging process, and in the case of a tied vote, will cast the deciding vote.

The Committee may appoint an external judge or judges for the Award if doing so would add to the prestige of the Award and thereby encourage more applicants.

Judging should be 'blinded' wherever possible and judges should declare a potential conflict of interest upon discovering any links to an applicant, before judging occurs.

Depending on the number of submissions, a short-list may be required, as determined by the Committee.

The decision of the judging panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### **Prize**

The prize consists of lump sum of cash (currently \$1000) and complimentary registration at the next years' AMWA conference.

The Committee reserves the right to alter the prize of the Award from year to year.