

Bellberry New Investigators Award

These prestigious awards are presented at the ASCEPT–APFP-APSA 2024 Joint Congress during a symposium designed to showcase New Investigators in Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Nominations of suitable New Investigators must be made by a member of ASCEPT, who should ensure that the nominee meets the below membership eligibility of the award.

The application must contain a letter of support and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae of the nominee and should be forwarded to the **ASCEPT Executive Officer at ascept@ascept.org by Friday 14 June 2024.** In addition, the applicant must complete and email their abstract submission following the [format and guidelines stipulated here](#) (unless submitted previously) by Friday 14 June 2024.

The guidelines are as follows:

Objectives:

The objectives of the Award and symposium are to recognise and highlight the research contributions of New Investigators to the disciplines of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology, and to provide a forum through which these contributions can be widely disseminated to ASCEPT members.

Eligibility:

Nominees for the Award must have been ASCEPT members for at least the previous 2 years, or if a valid interruption to membership exists, have been a member of ASCEPT for at least 2 years prior to the suspension of membership.

Nominees would normally be expected to have completed not less than two years and not more than eight years in employment since obtaining their highest tertiary qualification, allowing for career disruptions. There is no age limit.

Award:

All applications will be judged by a panel nominated by the President of ASCEPT and will include a representative of the award sponsor. All ASCEPT judging committees are assembled in accordance with ASCEPT's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy.

The selected nominees will be invited to present their research at the ASCEPT–APFP-APSA 2024 Joint Congress, 1 Dec – 4 Dec in Melbourne, where they will also be presented with a certificate recognising their Award. They will also be offered complimentary registration for the ASCEPT–APFP-APSA 2024 Joint Congress, return economy airfare (best possible price) and one night's accommodation to attend the meeting.

The Bellberry New Investigator awardees are also eligible for the British Pharmacological Society (BPS)/ASCEPT Outstanding Young Investigator Prize. This prize will be awarded at the ASCEPT–APFP-APSA 2024 Joint Congress and provides an opportunity for the awardee to spend up to 3 weeks visiting research laboratories in the UK and attend the BPS scientific meeting. The prize will include a return

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economy airfare to the UK arranged by ASCEPT. In addition, accommodation, contribution to subsistence and domestic travel costs up to £2750.00 will be provided by BPS.

Presentation to Bellberry

In the 12 months following presentation at the BPS Annual Meeting, the Winner will make a presentation to the Bellberry community of staff and HREC members on their research and the impact this Award has had on their career. (The costs of travel to provide the presentation will be separately provided by Bellberry).

Professional development opportunity

Bellberry will provide the Winner with the opportunity to observe a Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee meeting alongside an established pharmacologist/toxicologist, for the purpose of learning and understanding more about the ethical and scientific review of human research projects (should this be of interest to the Winner).

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