

Research Award Criteria for Papers and Posters Presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting

The Research Section's Research Awards identify the top research paper and poster presenters to receive recognition and a cash award for their work exemplifying valid research relevant to health sciences information, libraries, or librarianship.

The Research Section's Research Awards Committee Chairs identify MLA members to serve as peer reviewers to judge research papers and posters presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. These peer reviewers form the Research Papers Judging Team and the Research Posters Judging Team. No one presenting a research poster at the meeting will judge other posters; poster judges may present a non-research poster or any type of paper. Likewise, no one presenting a research paper will judge other papers; paper judges may present posters or non-research presentations.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for a Research Award, the abstracts of posters and papers must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Submitted for presentation at the MLA Annual Meeting using the online abstract submission system by the submission deadline.
- Submitted in a blinded, [structured abstract format](#).
- Clearly and succinctly describes the [type of research method used](#).
- Selected for presentation at MLA Annual Meeting

NB: The highest priority for judging will be given to abstracts for which the Research box was checked at time of the online submission.

All papers and posters meeting the minimum eligibility criteria and presenting research will be judged at some level. The Awards Committee reserves the right to perform preliminary judging based on the abstracts to narrow the number of posters and papers to be judged onsite should volume warrant.

Quality Criteria

Papers and posters may lose points if the final abstract is not updated in the online system to unblind all sections of the abstract and add "results" and "conclusions" as the abstracts are considered part of the presented information.

The quality of the research as presented at the meeting will be evaluated and scored by at least two volunteer judges using standardized poster and paper evaluation forms. These forms are available for presenters as an aid in preparing quality papers and posters on the Research Section website at: <http://research.mlanet.org/awards/>

Questions

For more information about the Research Awards submission and selection process, contact the Research Awards Committee Chair(s). Contact information for Research Awards Committee Chair(s) is available at <http://research.mlanet.org/exec.html>

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