

## ASCEPT Garth McQueen Prize (oral prize)

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| Details of award     | The ASCEPT Garth McQueen Prize was established in memory of Professor Garth McQueen, a member of the original steering committee that established ASCEPT and is awarded annually for the best oral communication by a Higher Degree student member of ASCEPT.   |
| Eligibility criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial member of ASCEPT.</li> <li>• Registered to attend the World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP)2026.</li> <li>• Current Higher Degree student includes anyone undertaking a Master’s degree or PhD in a relevant biomedical discipline or Advanced Trainees in Clinical Pharmacology.</li> <li>• Past winners are not eligible to apply.</li> </ul>  |
| Application          | <p>Applicants must upload an extended project description and declaration in the abstract submission portal by the specified deadline.</p> <p>Extended project description (maximum 800 words) should include the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title of presentation (i.e. the same title that appears on the standard abstract)</li> <li>• Authors (i.e. the same authors that appear on the standard abstract)</li> <li>• Background and rationale</li> <li>• Hypothesis / Aims</li> <li>• Methodology</li> <li>• Results (maximum 1 single panel figure or 1 table)</li> <li>• Conclusions</li> <li>• Statement of the scientific innovation and significance of the study</li> <li>• Statement on the nominating student’s specific role in the study</li> <li>• Declaration (see below – not included in word count)</li> <li>• References (not included in word count)</li> </ul> <p>The extended project description is to be prepared by the student applicant with minimal or no input from their supervisor or other authors on the abstract. As a general guide, ‘minimal’ input might reasonably involve minor corrections of a single draft of the document. Students are to type the following declaration at the end of their extended project description, and this must be signed by themselves and their supervisor.</p> <p>“We declare that this document was prepared primarily by the nominating student</p> |

|   | <p>and has undergone minimal corrections by the supervisor or any other author on the accompanying abstract.”</p> <p>Student’s name:.....Student’s signature:.....Date:.....<br/>Supervisor’s name: .....Supervisor’s signature:.....Date:.....</p>   |           |            |   |      |              |             |                                 |            |  |     |         |     |            |     |              |     |           |     |              |             |
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| Selection process   | <p>Shortlisting of applications for selection of finalists:</p> <p>Applications will be assessed by the Scientific Advisory Committee, which comprises all SIG/Fora chairs/co-chairs and any real or perceived conflicts of interests will be declared and recorded. The applications will be shortlisted according to the following criteria, with the top-ranking applicants selected for inclusion in the oral prize session:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criterion</th> <th>Weight (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scientific quality, innovation and significance, taking into account:<br/>1. Knowledge of the area and understanding of the research<br/>2. Evidence of innovation and thought leadership<br/>3. Outcomes and significance of the work</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Oral presentation judging:</p> <p>Oral presentations will be assessed by an ASCEPT Board-appointed judging panel, assembled in accordance with the ASCEPT Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and any real or perceived conflicts of interests will be declared and recorded. The application will be assessed according to the following criteria:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Criterion for oral presentation</th> <th>Weight (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Background, hypothesis, aims and methods</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Results</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discussion</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presentation</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Questions</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Criterion | Weight (%) | Scientific quality, innovation and significance, taking into account:<br>1. Knowledge of the area and understanding of the research<br>2. Evidence of innovation and thought leadership<br>3. Outcomes and significance of the work | 100% | <b>Total</b> | <b>100%</b> | Criterion for oral presentation | Weight (%) | Background, hypothesis, aims and methods | 10% | Results | 25% | Discussion | 25% | Presentation | 20% | Questions | 20% | <b>Total</b> | <b>100%</b> |
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| Award   | <p>Students who are short-listed for the ASCEPT Garth McQueen Prize will present their research in a dedicated Oral Prize workshop at the World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2026) on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026.</p> <p>The winner of the ASCEPT Garth McQueen Prize will be announced at the ASCEPT Award Ceremony at WCP2026 and will receive a certificate.</p>  |           |            |   |      |              |             |                                 |            |  |     |         |     |            |     |              |     |           |     |              |             |
| Enquires  | Please direct any enquires to <a href="mailto:ascept@ascept.org">ascept@ascept.org</a>  |           |            |   |      |              |             |                                 |            |  |     |         |     |            |     |              |     |           |     |              |             |