



DAVID JOHNSON AWARD FOR BEST FELLOWS RESEARCH PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

The **David Johnson Award for Best Fellows Research Presentation** is awarded annually at the PERC meeting for the presentation of important and original research displaying clarity, scientific strength, and clinical relevance to pediatric emergency medicine.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

The following are the guidelines for the annual competition of the best presentation by a fellow at an annual PERC meeting.

1. The fellow being considered must present his/her study at the PERC annual meeting.
2. Only PEM fellows are eligible for this award. The presenter must still be at the level of fellow or been staff for 18 months or less.
3. Projects must be at a stage of completion in which results may be presented and must be relevant to Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM).
4. Projects must be initiated during the 2 year fellowship program. Protocol development and ethics approval may be obtained prior to starting fellowship but all data collection must take place during fellowship. For example, prospective data collection in a cohort study, clinical trial or survey; retrospective data collection through chart review; analysis of a pre-existing data base; or abstract/full article screening/data abstraction for a systematic review must take place during the fellowship. Also note that projects can only be submitted once for consideration of the Fellow's Research Award.
5. Those candidates wishing to be considered for the Fellow's Research Award must submit an expanded structured abstract at a minimum including the following headings:
 - i. Background (briefly describe what is already known about the subject, related to your research)

- ii. Objective (include purpose, aim or hypothesis)
 - iii. Subjects and Methods (e.g., study design, description of subjects, sample size, inclusion/exclusion criteria, study setting, treatments/interventions, duration, measurement instruments used, primary and secondary outcomes, proposed data analysis)
 - iv. Results (outcome of the study such as number of subjects completing/withdrawing/dropping out, results of the analysis for outcomes, negative findings)
 - v. Conclusions (primary take-home messages, additional findings of importance, and future directions)
 6. Abstracts must be between 500 and 1000 words (not including title and authors) and must be received by the PERC Annual Meeting abstract submission deadline (**December 1, 2024**).
 7. The fellow under consideration must be principal investigator on the project.
 - i. If the fellow is not the first author on the project, a cover letter must be included describing the fellow's role in the project and clarifying why they are not the first author.
 8. All abstracts will be reviewed by three peer-reviewers experienced in research methodology and PEM.
 9. PERC recognizes the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in our network. We welcome all applicants from all backgrounds, including those who identify as a member of an underrepresented group including members of visible minorities and other racialized groups, women, indigenous people, persons with disabilities and those belonging to LGBTQ2S+.
 10. Three candidates will be selected as semi-finalists based on the following criteria:
 - i. Scientific strength including details on study design, inclusion criteria, process and statistical methods, sample size, sampling, etc., as described in the abstract
 - ii. Abstract organization including the ease of readability and order of components
 - iii. Clinical relevance and importance of the project to PEM
- Semi-finalist candidates will be notified by email and are required to confirm that they will attend and present at the PERC annual meeting.
11. The three semi-finalists will be required to have their supervisor write a descriptive letter of support which outlines what the fellow did throughout their project. These letters will be reviewed and judged as part of the fellow's presentation on the Monday night of the PERC annual meeting.

12. The three semi-finalists will present during the final session of the PERC Trainee Research Day to the full audience. The format and structure of the presentation will be the same as the other fellow's research day presentations (10-minute presentation, 10-minute question and answer session). Abstracts not selected as semi-finalists will be presented during the regular Trainee Research Day schedule.
13. Through consensus three judges will choose the winning candidate from the three semi-finalists. The winning candidate will be announced during the PERC 2024 conference. Once the agenda has been announced, we strongly encourage all three finalists to be available during this time.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submissions will be sought annually from Fellows who have completed their research project within the last two years, or who continue to execute their research during an active Fellowship. Submissions will be considered complete only when the following have been received:

- Completed [Intention to Present Form](#).
- Structured abstract, as described above.
- Descriptive letters from supervisors, as specified above, are only required from those who are selected as semi-finalists.

DEADLINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

Review and ranking of the candidates will be made by the PERC Awards Sub-Committee. The award will be presented every second year (years which are odd-numbered) at the PERC Annual Scientific Meeting.

Semi-finalists will be contacted a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the PERC annual meeting to confirm availability for semi-finalists presentation times and to request supervisor's descriptive letter.

The submission deadline for PERC 2025 Fellows Presentation submissions is December 1, 2024

Please direct questions to:

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