

Australasian College
for Emergency Medicine

John Gilroy Potts Award

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v5	Sept-2021	Update to definitions/terminology for the purpose of eligible applicants Updated document responsibilities
v6	Feb-2022	Update to Selection process - final determination to ACEM Board

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1. Purpose and background

This policy governs the awarding of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) John Gilroy Potts Award, which is made in respect of a published research paper judged to be most significant in the field of emergency medicine research.

Dr John Gilroy Potts was a Foundation Fellow of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) who, following an early career in general practice and with the Department of Health and Immigration in overseas postings, spent many of his professional years developing and enhancing the practice of emergency medicine in the Australian Capital Territory and contributing to the development of emergency medicine as a specialty.

The John Gilroy Potts Award is made in the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and wisdom by physicians in emergency medicine, virtues embodied by John Potts in his approach to patients and their care.

2. Terminology

Lead author

means the author who will take overall responsibility for the manuscript, often serve as the corresponding author, and provide a significant contribution to the research.

'Published'

means publication in an online or printed refereed journal. It does not include articles which are not yet published but have been made available via early online access prior to publication.

Member

for the purpose of this policy includes those defined in the ACEM Membership Regulations as being 'members' of the College, trainees (as defined below) and any external person serving on any College entity

Trainee

for the purpose of this policy means any trainee who is enrolled in and undertaking an ACEM training program, including the FACEM Training Program, as well as the Emergency Medicine Certificate, Emergency Medicine Diploma or Emergency Medicine Advanced Diploma and Diploma of Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine. This includes Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) undertaking College requirements for the purpose of attaining eligibility for election to Fellowship of the College.

3. Body of policy

3.1 Nature of Award

The award consists of a monetary prize (the amount of which shall be equal to one full registration for the ACEM Annual Scientific Meeting) and a certificate attesting to the award.

Where the paper has the involvement of more than one Fellow or trainee:

- the monetary prize shall be divided between those authors
- each author shall receive a certificate, which includes the name of the lead and other eligible authors.

3.2 Eligibility Criteria

The award may be made to the author of an article which, in the opinion of the ACEM Foundation, makes a significant contribution to emergency medicine.

An article which is within its first year of publication is eligible for consideration for this award if:

- a. its lead author is an ACEM member or trainees of good standing
- b. it is most significant in the field of emergency medicine research
- c. it has been published in a refereed journal
- d. it has not previously been adjudicated for the award.

The award is made annually, where this is appropriate. If no applicant meets the criteria in a particular year, then the award will not be made.

3.3 Applications

Fellows or trainees who have authored an eligible article published during the immediately preceding financial year (1 July to 30 June) may submit that paper for the award when invitations to do so are issued by the College.

Each application must be accompanied by a copy of the article and by the relevant application form signed by all author Fellows and/or trainees. Where there is more than one author, the application must cite the lead author.

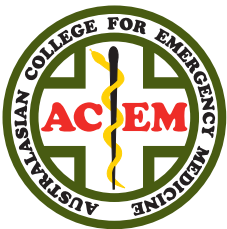
3.4 Selection process

A panel of three (3) or more assessors of the ACEM Awards Adjudication Coordination Group convened by the Research Committee shall adjudicate the applications and recommend to the ACEM Foundation a recipient for the award, based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to emergency medicine 10
 - Presentation/content/ clarity 10
 - Contribution to science 10
 - Quality of methodology 10
 - Originality 10
 - Maximum Total Score 50
- a. The ACEM Board shall determine the recipient(s) of the grant. The decision of the ACEM Board will be final and no correspondence will be entered in to
 - b. The award should be finalised no later than 30 days prior to the next Annual Scientific Meeting.
 - c. All parts of the selection process must be conducted in accordance with the College Conflict of Interest Policy.

3.5 Presentation of award

The award certificate will be presented to the lead author by the College President during the Annual College Ceremony.



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