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Award Categories

1. Dr. Nael Al-Naqeeb Award for Undergraduate Research
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Eligibility

Dr. Nael Al-Naqeeb Award for Undergraduate Research

- Open to undergraduate students enrolled in medical, dental, or related health sciences programs in Kuwait and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.
- Students who have graduated within 12 months prior to the conference date are also eligible.
- The student must be listed as the first author of the abstract.
- The supervisor(s) must be included as co-author(s) on the abstract.

Postgraduate Research Award

- Open to students currently enrolled in postgraduate programs at the Health Sciences Center (HSC), Kuwait University, or those who have graduated within the 12 months preceding the conference date.
- The student must be the first author of the abstract.
- Supervisor(s) must be listed as co-author(s) in the abstract.
- The abstract must be derived from the graduate thesis.

Graduate Research Award – Clinical Residents

- Open to current clinical residents at the Kuwait Institute of Medical Specialization (KIMS) or those who have graduated within the 12 months preceding the conference date.
- The resident must be the first author of the abstract.

Researcher Award – Basic Sciences

- The applicant/first author may be one of the following:
 - Non-clinical academic staff at HSC, Kuwait University in the rank of Associate or Assistant Professor

- Support academic or research staff at HSC, Kuwait University: teaching assistants, research assistants, postdoctoral scientists, researchers, research associates, technical staff
- Academic, support academic or research staff from other colleges within Kuwait University or Abdullah Al Salem University
- Researchers employed in other scientific institutions in Kuwait conducting health sciences research (e.g., Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Dasman Diabetes Institute)
- The applicant must be the first author of the abstract.

Researcher Award – Clinical Sciences

- The applicant/first author may be one of the following:
 - Clinical academic staff at HSC, Kuwait University: Associate Professor, Assistant Professor
 - Physicians and healthcare providers from the Ministry of Health, excluding clinical residents
 - Physicians and healthcare providers from other clinical research institutions in Kuwait (e.g., Dasman Diabetes Institute)
- Clinical residents (KIMS) must apply under the “Graduate Research Award for Clinical Residents category”.
- The applicant must be the first author of the abstract.

Case Report Award

- The applicant/first author may be:
 - A medical or dental student in the clinical years of their program
 - A clinical resident in training
 - An academic staff member at Kuwait University in one of the clinical departments
 - A physician at the Ministry of Health or Dasman Diabetes Institute

How to Apply

- Check your eligibility under the relevant award category listed above.
- Follow the standard [Submission Guidelines](#) and complete the online [abstract submission form](#).
- Be sure to select the appropriate award category when filling out the submission form.
- Submit a [declaration form](#) signed by all co-authors, along with a copy of your Civil ID, to poster.hsc@ku.edu.kw.
 - Abstracts without a signed declaration form will not be considered for any award category
- Upon confirmation of abstract acceptance, submit a PDF version of your final poster to poster.hsc@ku.edu.kw for judging.
 - The submitted PDF must exactly match the poster displayed at the conference. Posters with discrepancies will be disqualified.

- Late submissions will not be accepted. The judging committee will only consider posters received before the official deadline.

General Considerations

- When submitting your abstract online, carefully follow the instructions in the submission form regarding the abstract title, authors' names, affiliations, abstract body, and any funding agency disclosures.
- The award applicant must be both the first and corresponding author of the abstract.
- All listed authors must have made a significant contribution to the research presented.
- Supervisor(s) must be included as co-author(s) in the abstract.
- Collaborative projects with overseas institutions are welcomed, but for applicants who apply with affiliations in Kuwait, at least 50% of the work presented must have been done in Kuwait.
- The research must have been conducted with prior approval from the appropriate ethical committee(s) (e.g., Ministry of Health, College of Medicine/Kuwait University, or other regulatory bodies). Abstracts that report research on humans or animals without ethical approval will not be considered for any award.
- Select winners may be invited to deliver an oral presentation (10–15 minutes) at the conference. This presentation must be delivered by the first author.