

## Call for abstracts – trainee research

**We invite anaesthetic and pain medicine trainees to submit their abstracts for presentation at the 2026 Queensland ACE Conference.**

Submissions are invited for anaesthesia or pain medicine research in the following categories:

- Audit, quality improvement projects or critical appraisal of a topic
- Case reports
- Original research
- Survey research

The three applications which are most exemplary of excellence in trainee-led research, will be selected for an oral presentation in the **Tess Cramond Prize session** on Saturday 18 July 2026.

### Prizes

#### The Tess Cramond Prize

In memory of, and as tribute to Professor Tess Cramond's many contributions to the fields of anaesthesia and pain medicine, the Tess Cramond Prize for excellence in trainee-led research will be awarded to the author who is deemed to have produced the best abstract and oral presentation. Judging is based on the following criteria: Originality and innovation (20%), Scientific merit and methodology (30%), Clinical relevance and impact (20%), Trainee initiative and contribution (20%), Clarity of presentation and response to questions (10%).

The award will consist of a monetary prize of \$2,000 and a certificate recognising the achievement. The prize has been sponsored by St Andrew's Anaesthesia Group



### Apply now

If you wish to apply, please submit your completed application form to [qldevents@anzca.edu.au](mailto:qldevents@anzca.edu.au).

**Abstract submissions will close at 4pm AEST 3rd July 2026**

### Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to submit an abstract, applicants must be:

- Current ANZCA/FPM trainees within Queensland; or
- ANZCA/ASA/FPM Queensland fellows within one year of fellowship; or
- Queensland resident doctors

#### Tess Cramond Prize

To be eligible to win the Tess Cramond Prize, applicants must:

- Attend the ACE QLD conference on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- The three finalists will each deliver an 8 minute oral presentation, followed by 2 minutes of questions from which the ACE committee will decide the winner

## Submission guidelines

### Important notes:

- Applicants may submit more than one paper.
- The applicant submitting the abstract must be a named author.
- By submitting an abstract you agree that it is original research, and that you are not submitting research previously presented orally or published in a journal. Your abstract remains eligible for submission if it has been displayed at a scientific meeting as an ePoster.
- **Authors must ensure information regarding ethics approval and patient consent is included with your abstract submission.** You may be asked for more information during the assessment of your abstract. If you do not have the required consent or approvals, your abstract will not be accepted to the meeting.
- Authors must include a statement of **no more than 25 words** detailing their specific role in the project.
- Abstract submissions will close at **4pm AEST on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2026**. Please note we are unable to accept any abstract submissions after this date.
- Changes to submissions will not be accepted after the close date.

### Abstract format:

- Abstracts must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format
- **Language:** English is the official language of the meeting and should be used in all abstract submissions
- **Abstract title:** The abstract title should be brief and descriptive. The maximum characters allowed, including spacing, is 100 characters or 20 words. The abstract title must be in sentence case (initial capital followed by lower case), for example “The online abstract submission”.
- **Author information:** Author and co-author names (full given first name and family name), affiliations, cities, and countries.
- **Statement of applicant involvement:** You should include a statement of **no more than 25 words** detailing your specific role in the project.
  - e.g. Main investigator responsible for design and execution of project, with limited assistance from senior colleagues.
  - e.g. Junior member of 10 person research team responsible for data collection, with statistics and interpretation performed by senior colleagues.
- **Abstract text:** All abstracts must be written using the following format:
  - The text of **audit and quality improvement, original research and survey** abstracts must include an untitled introductory paragraph, and the following subheadings (in bold): **methods, results, discussion, acknowledgments, and references**.
  - A **case report** or **case series** abstract must include an untitled introductory paragraph, and the following sub-headings (in bold): **description, discussion, acknowledgments, and references**.
- **Abstract text word limit:** Your abstract should not exceed **3500 characters**, including spaces (approximately **600 words**).
  - Any references must be included in this allowance.
  - The title, author list, institution, and statement of involvement do not count towards this word limit.
- **Tables and diagrams:** Tables, graphs, diagrams, symbols, scientific characters, or internet links are not accepted.
- **References:** A maximum of three references are allowed and are **included in the word count**. References should be cited within the body of the abstract, using the following format [1], [2, 3]. Superscript references should not be used.

## Selection process for Tess Cramond Prize

Preference will be given to work which has been predominantly or completely executed by the trainee.

1. **Acknowledgement of receipt:** Upon submission, authors will receive confirmation by email. Please contact [qldevents@anzca.edu.au](mailto:qldevents@anzca.edu.au) if you do not receive this email.
2. **Review and selection:** Abstract submissions will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Group. Selection will be based upon originality and interest, clinical and research content, and state of completeness of the application.
3. **Mode of presentation:** The top three applicants selected for the Tess Cramond Prize will be invited for an oral presentation in The Tess Cramond Prize session on Saturday 18 July 2026 during the lunch break.

Applicants not accepted for prize sessions will be given the opportunity to present a display-only abstract on the mobile event app.

4. **Notification of selection:** Authors will be notified if their abstract has been selected for the Tess Cramond Prize by early July 2026.
5. **Registration:** Tess Cramond Prize nominees must register for the 2026 Queensland ACE conference to confirm attendance, otherwise their abstract may be withdrawn from the program.
6. **Selection of prize winners:** The panel of adjudicators will judge the candidates against the following criteria: Originality and innovation (20%), Scientific merit and methodology (30%), Clinical relevance and impact (20%), Trainee initiative and contribution (20%), Clarity of presentation and response to questions (10%).
7. **Presentation of prizes:** The winners will be announced during the conference close on Saturday 18 July 2026.