



The Young Dentists Council (YDC) of the South African Dental Association (SADA) hereby extends an invitation to all South African Academic Institutions and Public as well as Private Health Facilities to participate in their 5th annual SADA YDC **2024 Young Publisher** Competition. The competition will be hosted at the SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress & Exhibition 2024, which will be held from the **30th August – 1st September 2024 at Sun Time Square Arena, Pretoria.**

We therefore request Deans and their relevant Heads of Department to pre-select candidates to participate in the poster competition. Eligible principal candidates must be post graduate students. Eligible independent dental researchers are also encouraged to submit their E-posters. The E-posters will be reviewed and qualifying submissions will be invited to compile a Power Point / End-note presentation for judging.

E-Posters can be submitted by the following researchers:

- Undergraduate clinical research
- Undergraduate non-clinical research
- Postgraduate clinical research
- Postgraduate non-clinical research

The top 3 research projects will be invited to a 20-minute (maximum) interview session with the judges. The slot will comprise a 10 minute Power Point / End-note presentation by the participant and 10 minute discussion/questions opportunity for the judges. English will be language of the E-posters and Power Point / End-note judging competition.

Eligible researchers

The principal candidate must be:

- 35 years of age or younger at the time of the Young Publisher Competition.

Co-researchers can be older than 35. There can be a maximum of 6 co-authors.

DUE DATES FOR E-POSTER SUBMISSION AND PROGRAMME

E-poster Submission opens	1 March 2024
E-poster Submission closes	29 July 2024
Accepted E-poster letters sent to top 3 E-posters	3 Aug 2024
Judging of top 3 Power Point / End-note	29 Aug 2024
Presentation on Main Podium	30/31 Aug 2024
Award Ceremony	31 Aug 2024

Oral Presentations of the poster will be restricted to 20 minute slots per finalist which includes questions posed by the judges. Answers given should be clear and concise reflecting an understanding of the subject matter.

Guidelines for the Young E-Poster/Publisher competition

1. E-Poster to be
2. Hereunder the E-poster guidelines
 - Word count limit - maximum 1500 words
 - Title
 - Background/Significance
 - Aims and objectives

- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Images
- 60cm wide and 85cm high
- Text size 14 Arial

3. Judging of the final 3 E-posters will take place on the 29th August 2024. Time and specific venue for presentations will be communicated to the finalists once all E-Posters have been accepted and the final participants numbers are confirmed.
4. Authors should report to the judging venue at least 30 minutes before the Judging Session.
5. All E-posters will be in digital format

JUDGING OF E-POSTERS

Judges will follow the preselected criteria for the judging of the posters and the winner will be announced at the Gala dinner on 31 Aug 2024 at The Maslow Hotel, Pretoria.

There will be one overall winner.

The Young Researcher award judging criteria is as follows:

CRITERIA	
Appearance	Does the poster make an impression on the viewer? Professional appearance; good flow of information; logical layout; easy to read; neatness. How much text does the poster contain? Is there any grammar or spelling mistake?
Title	Clear and concise; specific; adequate.
Background	Provides sufficient rationale for pursuing the study.
Aims and Objectives	Clearly stated and relevant.
Methods	Strong and appropriate for testing this hypothesis or fulfilling the study objective.
Results	Quality of the graphs, tables and figures; complexity of the results; validity of these statistical methods.
Discussion	Shows a rational understanding of the results and literature.
Conclusions	Reflective of the Aims and Objectives; supported by data; consistent with the hypothesis being tested. Are the limitations of study/suggestions for future research identified?
Scientific content	Relevant; contributing to the advancement of Dentistry.

*******The final score will be derived from the manuscript and the poster.**

AWARD CEREMONY

Finalists will be invited with their partners (partner's travel expenses will not be covered to attend the Gala Awards Function on 31 August 2024 when the winner will be announced.

AWARDS

- SADA Young Publisher Award
- Award winner/s shall be announced in the SADJ
- Free SADA membership for 2025
- Cash Prize of R6000 (1st prize) & R3000 (2nd prize)
- Free attendance at the SADA Dental & Oral Congress and Exhibition for the following year
- 4 x SADA Branch Event speaker slots during 2025 (expenses for travelling will be covered by SADA)

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