

# BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS

The awards are exceptional achievements for the authors, and a showcase of the Faculty of Health Sciences research published in 2014.

## CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS 29 May 2015

### Categories:

1. Best Overall Publication: Clinical
2. Best Overall Publication: Non-clinical
3. Best Overall Publication: Qualitative/Education/Health Systems Research
4. Best Publication representing the Best Team Effort
5. Best Publication by a Young Researcher (<35 years): Clinical
6. Best Publication by a Young Researcher (<35 years): Non-clinical
7. Best Overall Publication: MMed and MChD

One certificate will be awarded to the Best Publication in each of the above categories. The runner-up publications (in each instance the second and third publications on the ranking list) will also be awarded a merit certificate.

### Submission format:

Submit the list of nominations (see headings below) via e-mail to [samantha.hodgson@up.ac.za](mailto:samantha.hodgson@up.ac.za). Include electronic copies of the nominated publications.

Department	First Author	Full author list	Impact Factor	Title of article	Journal Name	Category
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### Rules:

1. Each HOD may only nominate two publications per category. In exceptional cases more nominations will be considered but this must be discussed with the internal reviewers before submission.
2. A publication may not be nominated in more than one category.
3. The first author in each nominated publication must be a member of the Faculty. In the category for Best Team Effort either the corresponding author or the first author must be a member of the Faculty.
4. In the category for Best Publication from a Team Effort, evaluation will be based on successes achieved by a team of different laboratories and disciplines.
5. In the category for Best Publication: MMed and MChD the publication date should not be more than 3 years after completion of the degree.
6. Publications available electronically in the year ahead of print will be accepted, but the same publication cannot be entered again the next year as a print copy.
7. The nominations go through a process of internal screening and stringent external peer review. Evaluation in all cases rests on generally accepted principles of excellence in research, like:
  - 7.1. Originality
  - 7.2. Potential for application in practice
  - 7.3. Contribution to national health
  - 7.4. Promotion of medical sciences
  - 7.5. Preventative medicine
  - 7.6. Academic merit
  - 7.7. New technology
  - 7.8. Difficulty of work and status of the journal of publication.

## **Definitions to be used as a guide:**

### **Clinical:**

Clinical research is a research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. Excluded from this definition are *in vitro* studies that utilize human tissues that cannot be linked to a living individual.

Clinical research includes:

(a) Patient-oriented research. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects.

This area of research includes:

- Mechanisms of human disease
- Therapeutic interventions
- Clinical trials.
- Development of new technologies

(b) Epidemiologic and behavioural studies

### **Non-Clinical:**

Non-clinical studies include research studies conducted, typically on animals or in a laboratory that is not directly linked to human subject. This category includes *in vitro* studies that utilize human tissue which cannot be linked to a living individual.

### **Education / health system (including qualitative):**

Education research includes research that investigates educational changes or developments that are being planned to define the best way of proceeding

Health systems research includes health outcomes research and health services research