

SCI Research Writing Prize Terms and Conditions

Competition

1. The Spinal Research Institute (ABN 11 612 207 169) ("**SRI**") is conducting a competition called the "SCI Research Writing Prize" ("**Competition**").
2. These Terms and Conditions apply to the Competition and by submitting your entry you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions. Any entry that does not comply with these Terms and Conditions may be deemed invalid and ineligible to win a prize.
3. The Competition open and end times ("**Competition End Time**") will be published at <https://www.thesri.org/writing-prize/>. Any entry received after the Competition End Time will be deemed invalid. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost, delayed or misdirected entries. The SRI reserves the right to extend the Competition End Time in its sole discretion.

Entry

4. The Competition is open to Australian and international researchers and clinicians.
5. To enter the Competition, complete the survey monkey entry form and submit a writing piece (800 word maximum) ("**Written Piece**"), image and short biography as instructed on the entry form. The entry form is available at <https://www.thesri.org/writing-prize/>
6. Entry into the Competition is free.
7. If you have entered the Competition in a previous year, you must submit a different Written Piece.
8. By submitting an entry, each entrant warrants to the SRI that:
 - All details provided with their entry are true and accurate;
 - The entrant owns or has the right to submit their entry for this Competition;
 - Their entry, and the SRI's use of their entry, will not:
 - Infringe any person's copyright or other intellectual property rights;
 - Infringe any person's privacy rights or any applicable privacy laws; or
 - Breach any other laws.
9. Each entrant grants to the SRI a perpetual, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish and communicate their entry, including posting on the SRI's social media accounts, in any format for the purpose of the SRI's marketing and promotional purposes.

Judging and Prizes

10. Written Pieces will be reviewed by five judges from research and non-research backgrounds.
11. Judging criteria: Writing style must be an easy-to-understand written piece of published and/or in-progress spinal cord injury research for non-scientific readership. The Written Piece should be limited to a maximum of 800 words. See entry form for details.
12. Special consideration will be given for Written Pieces submitted by authors from countries with low to very-low English language proficiency.
13. The judges will select up to 20 entrants to win a prize ("**Prize Winners**").
14. Where a Prize Winner is a group entry with multiple authors, the lead author will receive the prize.
15. The prize will consist of a group (maximum 20 participants) online research collaboration workshop (3 x 2 hour sessions) facilitated by the Research Impact Academy, Australia ("**Prize**"). The group value of the Prize is AUD 4,400. The Prize cannot be redeemed for cash. The time and date of workshop sessions will be determined by the SRI at a later date, details of which will be emailed to Prize Winners.
16. The Prize Winners' Written Pieces will be published in a non-academic publication produced by the SRI and therein editorial decisions will be made by the SRI. Promotion of the publication is at the discretion of the SRI and may include social media platforms, digital and/or printed communications.
17. Where a Prize Winner is a group entry with multiple authors, all authors will be acknowledged but only the lead author will have their profile included in the publication.
18. The Prize is non-transferrable. If Prize Winners are unable to attend the online sessions, digital recordings will be made available for one month following live session times.
19. The Prize Winners will be notified by email. The Prize Winners may also be published on the SRI's website and social media accounts.
20. The decision of the SRI regarding the Prize Winners is final and will be binding on each entrant. No correspondence or communications will be entered into.
21. The SRI will use reasonable endeavours to notify the Prize Winners. If after a Prize Winner cannot be contacted, cannot accept a Prize or is deemed to be ineligible to enter the Competition, the SRI reserves the right to select a different Prize Winner.
22. If any event prevents or hinders the Competition or the SRI's ability to deliver a prize, the SRI may in its absolute discretion cancel the Competition, select another Prize Winner or provide a similar prize of equivalent value.
23. The SRI may refuse to award a prize, or seek its recovery, in the event of the relevant entrant's fraud, dishonesty, or non-entitlement under, or breach of, these terms and conditions.

Personal information

24. Each entrant consents to the SRI using any personal information supplied or connected with their entry for the purposes of the Competition and for the SRI's marketing and promotional purposes.
25. The SRI handles personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy, which is available at: www.thesri.org/privacy-policy.
26. If an entrant would prefer that the SRI does not use the entrant's personal information as described in these Terms and Conditions, the entrant should contact the SRI at info@thesri.org.

Disclaimer and liability

27. The SRI accepts no responsibility for invalid, misdirected, lost or delayed entries, any incorrect or inaccurate information, any equipment or technical error, or for any defect in, theft, destruction, unauthorised access to or alteration of any entry.
28. To the extent permitted by law, the SRI will not be liable for any injury, damages, expenses, or loss whatsoever (whether direct or indirect) to persons or property as a result of any person entering the Competition or accepting or using any prize, including without limitation non-receipt of any prize.

29. To the extent permitted by law, all warranties in respect of the prize, whether express, implied, statutory or otherwise, are excluded. To the extent such warranties cannot be excluded by law but liability can lawfully be limited, liability is limited at the SRI's option to replacing the prize or the cost of replacing the prize or acquiring an equivalent item.
30. Each entrant releases Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn from any and all liability for any loss, damage or injury arising out of or in relation to the Competition.
31. This competition is conducted under, and must be construed by, the laws of the state of Victoria, Australia, and the laws of Victoria govern the terms and conditions of this Competition.

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