

Postgraduate Research Prize in EFP accredited Postgraduate Programs in Periodontology.

The EFP is pleased to announce its Graduate Research Prize competition.

The objective of the prize is to promote graduate research in EFP approved programs.

The prize is awarded once a year in two categories i.e. Clinical Research and Preclinical/Basic Research and is open to all graduate students of EFP accredited graduate programs in Periodontology.

The research work must have been **published in print** between January and December of the year preceding the presentation of the prize in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology or in another English-language international peer reviewed scientific journal. In addition, the graduate student must be first author or second author. In the case of second authorship – the role of the student needs to be justified by the senior/principal investigator, by stating exactly what their contribution was to the work. The research **should have been performed substantially** in the country where the student followed the Postgraduate program in Periodontology.

The study should be performed by the postgraduate student as part of the requirements of the postgraduate program. If the study was performed by the student after completion of the postgraduate program (for example as part of a subsequent PhD program), the paper cannot be considered for the competition. The paper should be published during the training period or maximum 3 years after graduation.

The candidate has to submit a statement letter signed by the senior/principal investigator confirming that the manuscript fulfils all these requirements.

Original research articles should be sent by email to the EFP European Co-ordinator Mónica Guinea (monica@efp.org)

Deadline for manuscript submission is **January 5th**

The winner will receive a monetary prize award of 1.000 € for the 1st prize, 750 € for the 2nd prize and 500 € for the 3rd prize, together with a certificate of award.

Evaluation criteria for papers participating in the EFP postgraduate research prize competition

- I. The significance for periodontology
 - a. Clinical implications
 - b. Applicability
 - c. Understanding mechanisms
2. Innovative character
 - a. Originality of the hypothesis
 - b. Implications for changes of thoughts in periodontology
3. Scientific quality
 - a. Clear hypothesis
 - b. Experimental design
 - c. Data quality
 - d. Statistical methodology
4. Quality of the paper
 - a. Readability
 - b. Adequacy of introduction and discussion
 - c. Language use
 - d. Clear conclusions

A score from 1 to 5 may be given to each of the four quality areas.