



Australasian Society
for the Study of
Brain Impairment



2019 ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award

The ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award is designed to recognise innovation in the field of brain impairment consistent with our mission to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by progressive and non-progressive neurological conditions across the lifespan.

The Award for 2019 is again sponsored by Shine Lawyers. The value of the award is \$1,500 plus free registration to the 42nd Annual Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Conference in Wellington, New Zealand where the award will be announced and presented (May 2nd – 4th 2019).

Eligibility:

Entries are welcome from an early career clinician who:

- a) is a qualified allied health or medical professional,
- b) is a current individual financial member of ASSBI, and
- c) works with people with brain impairment in a relevant setting that involves direct delivery of clinical services.

An early career clinician is defined as someone who was awarded their highest level of qualification within the last 10 years (career disruptions such as maternity, sick or carer leave will be taken into consideration).

Applications can come from an individual early career clinician, or a team led or co-led by one or more early career clinicians. An application from a team led by an early career clinician can include and should acknowledge relevant contributions from other team members such as: students, clinical colleagues, researchers, other staff from relevant services or universities, people with brain impairment and their families.

It is a requirement that the clinical initiative does not form the basis of an honours or post-graduate research project and also has not received funding from a major competitive grant scheme. Please also note that clinicians who are primarily in a research position (i.e., more than 50% research) are not eligible to lead the application.

PLEASE NOTE: while multiple applications can be made this award can only be awarded once per applicant.

Selection Criteria:

- A) A clinician and/or team have introduced **innovative practice** in the field of brain impairment. This could relate to change in one or both of the following:
 - i) Clinical service delivery – such as screening and early intervention, diagnosis, assessment, treatment or management, care coordination and long-term follow-up and support
 - ii) Education, training, supervision and professional development of trainees and clinicians
- B) The implementation of this innovative practice has had a demonstrated impact on the lives of people with brain impairment and their families and/or the knowledge and skills base of trainees and clinicians. At the time of application the initiative needs to have been completed or progressed

to the point of yielding an outcome or impact on practice that has been evaluated in some capacity, as appropriate to the nature of the practice.

Note: this could include but does not need to be in the form of a peer-reviewed publication. Other ways to demonstrate impact may include feedback and testimonials from clients, family members, professionals and senior executives.

Process for selection:

Entries are due by 1st January 2019. The award recipient will be informed by early February 2019.

The ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award subcommittee will review applications using the above selection criteria (declaring any COI, or excluding subcommittee members who may be involved in any of the applications).

The Award will be presented by either Jamie Shine or a Shine Lawyers staff member during the 42nd Annual Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Conference which is to be held 2nd – 4th May 2019 at Shed 6, Wellington, New Zealand.

Application Process:

Please prepare a word document that includes all of the following sections:

1. Name and affiliations of the early career clinician/s leading the application and (if relevant) team members
2. Brief biography of the early career clinician/s including the type of qualification/s, dates awarded and the nature, date and length of any career disruptions (100 word maximum) and their current work profile (% direct clinical, % research, % teaching, % service/administration etc).
3. Title of the clinical innovation
4. Proposal: Summarise the clinical initiative and relevant outcomes in a maximum of 1000 words using the following sections:
 - a) Brief background and clinical context
 - b) Rationale and objectives
 - c) Description of the innovation (method/process of development and implementation)
 - d) Evaluation and outcome
 - e) Impact and significance/innovation
5. Acknowledgements: Please provide a statement regarding any source/s and amount of funding that supported the clinical innovation and other relevant acknowledgement of in-kind support
6. A declaration and signatures page (provided by ASSBI)

Contact for queries about the Award application process:

If you have any questions regarding the ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award please contact the President of ASSBI, Professor Jacinta Douglas via Margaret

Email: admin@assbi.com.au

Submission process:

Please submit the application by 1st January 2019 to:

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