**Announcement**

**Early Investigators Research Award 2023**

The Early Investigators Research Award 2023 is aimed at recognising excellence among early career researchers working in the field of blood rheology and microcirculation. Specific awards will be presented for outstanding work focused on:

i. New developments and innovations in technical aspects of the field (e.g., engineering);

ii. Novel discoveries and/or increased understanding of the mechanisms related to fundamental aspects of the field (e.g., scientific disciplines);

iii. Implementation and/or innovations in health / medical applications related to blood rheology and microcirculation (e.g., clinical/medical).

The awardees will be selected by a panel appointed by the conference organisers, with assessments based upon the applicant’s ability to clearly justify the significance of their research (Statement 1) and also the ability to clearly explain the future impact that will result from their research (Statement 2).

Early career researchers will include those still completing *post-graduate studies* *and post-doctoral researchers within 5 years of PhD conferral* or *medical doctors within their residency training*. Career disruptions will be considered for those with reasonable interruptions. Applicants must be members of one of the three participating societies or the German Society of Clinical Hemorrheology and Microcirculation.

To apply, during abstract submission, the applicant must nominate that their abstract is to be considered for an award category. Further, they must complete the following application form which should be forwarded electronically to: A/Prof Michael Simmonds – Early Investigators co-organiser (m.simmonds@griffith.edu.au).

Applications must be received before **1st July, 2023**.

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| Name |  |
| Primary email |  |
| Date of PhD conferral (mm/yyyy), *or* date expected if still in training*or* year of residency for medical doctors | ….….…. |
| Status (delete the non-applicable category) | Student / post-doctoral researcher |
| Abstract title  | Must match submitted abstract |
| Category (circle) | Clinical / science / engineering |
| Statement 1 – case for award: | In <300 words, explain why your submission meets the criteria of the listed category *Response…* |
| Statement 2 – future vision: | In <300 words, explain how your submitted work is expected to advance the field of blood rheology*Response…* |
| Career disruptions | Have you experienced any career disruptions that mean you should still be considered an early investigator?*Response…* |