



ASMIRT

Guidelines

International Speaker Exchange Award

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There are a number of protected titles for medical radiation practice. They include:

Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP)

Diagnostic Radiographer (DR)

Medical Imaging Technologist (MIT)

Radiographer

Nuclear Medicine Scientist (NMS)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT)

Radiation Therapist (RT).

For the purposes of our documentation we use the broad descriptor Medical Radiation Practitioner (MRP) recognising that it covers a range of areas of practice.



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ASMIRT INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER EXCHANGE AWARD GUIDELINES

1. Purpose

Each year, thousands of medical radiation science professionals from across the globe gather to exchange best practices, share cutting-edge research, and contribute insights drawn from years of clinical and academic experience. The ASMIRT International Speaker Exchange Award offers an exceptional opportunity for an outstanding member of the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) to represent Australia by presenting at a major international conference.

In partnership with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Foundation, ASMIRT supports the global exchange of knowledge in medical radiation sciences. Each year, one selected speaker will attend and present at an ASRT event, alternating between a medical imaging speaker at ASRT@RSNA (Radiological Society of North America) in 2026 and 2028, and a radiation therapy speaker at the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference in 2027.

This initiative underscores ASMIRT's commitment to fostering international collaboration, advancing professional excellence, and strengthening ties with our global colleagues in medical radiation science.

2. Award Details

• International Speaker Exchange Award

The International Speaker Exchange Award offers a unique opportunity for one ASMIRT member each year to present at a major United States conference hosted by the ASRT. The recipient will have the prestigious opportunity to represent ASMIRT at this conference.

The award package includes:

- **Presentation Opportunity:** The recipient will deliver a presentation to an international audience of medical radiation science professionals.
- **Conference Registration:** Full registration to either the ASRT@RSNA or the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference, generously provided by the ASRT Foundation.
- **Travel Expenses:** Direct return economy-class airfare from Australia to the conference destination city in the United States, including ground transportation to and from the conference location.
- **Accommodation:** Reimbursement for up to five (5) nights of accommodation, capped at USD \$300 per night.
- **Travel Allowance:** Daily allowance for meals and incidental expenses (up to five days), reimbursed in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) [Tax Determination TD 2026/4 for the 2026–27 income year](#).
- **Travel Insurance:** Comprehensive travel insurance coverage for the duration of the trip.

• ASRT@RSNA

The RSNA Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting is the world's largest scientific and educational gathering for the radiologic sciences. It brings together radiologists, medical imaging technologists, radiation therapists, nurses, and exhibitors from across the globe. Held in Chicago,



this conference showcases groundbreaking research, advanced imaging technology, and international networking opportunities.

Upcoming dates:

- 29 November – 3 December 2026
- 26 November – 30 November 2028

Since 2009, ASRT@RSNA has featured a dedicated program of continuing education designed specifically for medical imaging technologists.

• **ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference**

Held in conjunction with the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Annual Meeting, the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference is a premier global event for radiation therapists, medical dosimetrists, and radiation oncology professionals. The conference will be held in Chicago in 2027 and provides a platform for knowledge sharing, professional growth, and the exploration of new directions in cancer treatment and radiation therapy.

Next conference:

- September 2027

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the ASMIRT International Speaker Exchange Award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current financial voting member of ASMIRT, with a minimum of three (3) consecutive years of post-graduate membership immediately prior to the application closing date. (*Note: Student membership does not count towards the required three years.*)
- Maintain ASMIRT voting membership throughout the duration of the award period.
- Hold current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra).
- Be a resident of Australia at the time of application and remain so throughout the award period.
- Must not have previously received the International Speaker Exchange Award (this is a one-time award).
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest, including commercial affiliations, sponsorships, or other factors that may influence the content or delivery of the proposed presentation.
- Have presented at a previous national ASMIRT conference or have a recording of their presentation from another conference. Applicants are required to submit the recording of their presentation with their application (ASMIRT has access to all presentation recordings from previous ASMIRT conferences)
- ASMIRT encourages applications from members across diverse backgrounds, practice settings, and regions, including rural and remote areas.
- ASMIRT Board members, employees, and their immediate family members are ineligible to apply.



4. Selection Criteria – What Applicants Must Address

Applicants must complete all sections of the application form and submit the following:

- A current résumé or curriculum vitae (CV).
- A shared link of the recording of a presentation from another conference, if not previously presented at a national ASMIRT conference

To maximise your chances of selection, clearly address the following key considerations:

- Topic relevance, quality and international appeal:
 - Is the abstract, outline and objectives well-written, clearly structured and of overall high quality?
 - Is the proposed topic timely, significant and relevant to current healthcare or medical radiation science practices?
 - Does the proposed topic offer cutting-edge technology, innovation or best practices that could have global appeal?
 - Does the proposed topic have the potential to contribute to international collaboration and engage a global audience?
- Presenter Suitability:
 - Do you have the qualifications, experience, and expertise to deliver this presentation effectively?
 - Do you have experience presenting on the proposed topic?

5. Applications

- All applications must be submitted electronically via the [online submission portal](#).
- Each application must include the following:
 - A current résumé/curriculum vitae (CV)
 - A proposed presentation title, abstract (up to 250 words), and a clear outline including presentation objectives.
 - A motivation statement for reviewers to understand the possible benefits to the applicant and to ASMIRT. This statement should also include a summary of prior presentation experience and/or publications on the proposed topic.
 - A recording link of a presentation from another conference, if not previously presented at a national ASMIRT conference
 - A declaration of any conflicts of interest, including vendor relationships or commercial considerations, with full disclosure.
 - Confirmation that the applicant understands and agrees that ASMIRT may share personal information with the ASRT Foundation for the purpose of administering the award.
- Application deadline: All submissions must be received by 8 November each year.
- Late applications will not be accepted.



6. Application Procedure

- Confirm your ASMIRT membership status, including the duration of continuous full voting membership immediately prior to the application. For verification, contact: membership@asmirt.org.
- Complete and submit the application form by the specified deadline.
- ASMIRT will evaluate applications for eligibility for review.
- All eligible applications will be assessed and ranked by the ASMIRT selection committee.
- The Committee will review applications for alignment with the selection criteria and ensure that they meet the expected standard of excellence.
 - If no application meets the required standard, the Committee may recommend that no award be granted for that year.
- The Committee will submit shortlisted applications as recommended rankings to the ASRT Foundation for final review and confirmation.
- The ASRT will review the recommended rankings and submit their ranking preference to ASMIRT
- The successful applicant will be notified by email and must formally accept the nomination and confirm their commitment to attend and present at the relevant ASRT meeting.
- The recipient will be publicly acknowledged through ASMIRT and ASRT Foundation communication channels, including websites, newsletters, and event-related promotions.

7. Assessment Criteria – How Applications Will Be Evaluated

All applications will be reviewed and assessed using the following criteria:

- Eligibility compliance: Meets all eligibility requirements as outlined in the guidelines.
- Topic relevance, quality and international appeal:
 - The abstract, presentation outline and objectives are well-written, clearly structured and of high overall quality
 - The proposed topic is timely, significant, and relevant to current healthcare or medical radiation science practices
 - The proposed topic offers cutting-edge technology, innovation or best practices that could have global appeal
 - The proposed topic has the potential to contribute to international collaboration and engage a global audience
- Presenter quality from previous presentation:
 - The presenter demonstrated a deep, reliable knowledge of the topic with a clear core message
 - The presentation provides a logical flow from introduction to conclusion
 - The presentation slides were visually engaging, uncluttered and supportive of the message



- The presenter was confident and composed, spoke clearly and engaged the audience
- Applicant suitability:
 - Demonstrated qualifications, experience and expertise in the proposed topic area and capability to deliver the proposed presentation effectively
 - Motivation statement provides a clear understanding of the possible benefits to the applicant and to ASMIRT
 - Demonstrated experience presenting and/or publishing on the proposed topic
 - No known significant conflicts of interest
- Presentation suitability:
 - Can be presented as outlined within the allotted time frame

Note: Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

8. Time Frames

The following timeline outlines the key dates for the International Speaker Exchange Award process:

- October – Applications open. ASMIRT will invite submissions aligned with the designated conference for the following year:
 - 2026: Applications open for a radiation therapy presenter for the 2027 ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference.
 - 2027: Applications open for a medical imaging presenter for the 2028 ASRT@RSNA.
- 8 November – Application deadline. All submissions must be received by this date. Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt via email.
- Late November – The ASMIRT Membership and Advocacy Committee will assess and rank applications.
- 1 December – ASMIRT submits its recommendations to the ASRT Foundation for final selection.
- Mid-December – The ASRT Foundation confirms the preferred speaker.
- Mid-December – The selected applicant is notified by email and must confirm acceptance of the nomination within one (1) week of notification.
- By 31 December – The selected recipient must submit the following to the ASRT Foundation:
 - A professional biography
 - Presentation abstract and synopsis
 - A high-resolution headshot

9. Award Details

Upon notification of a successful application, the recipient is required to complete the following steps:

- Confirm Acceptance
Accept the nomination and confirm attendance and participation at the designated ASRT meeting.



- **Speaker Information**
Provide ASRT Foundation speaker information (biography and headshot) and presentation details.
- **Travel Arrangements**
 - Submit a Travel Request Form to ASMIRT to coordinate flight bookings. In considering the recipient's nominated preference, it is ASMIRT's discretion to choose the most appropriate airline, dates and routes.
 - Hold a valid passport with at least six (6) months' validity beyond the intended travel period. Passport renewal costs are not covered by the award.
 - Ensure all visa and ESTA requirements are fulfilled. ASMIRT is not responsible for visa or ESTA costs or any expenses incurred due to visa denial or entry refusal to the United States.
 - Comply with any medical or vaccination requirements for travel. Related expenses are not covered by the award.
- **Travel Insurance**
 - Purchase comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking.
 - To claim reimbursement, submit a Reimbursement Form along with a valid tax invoice.
- **Conference Registration**
 - Coordinate directly with the ASRT Foundation, who will provide complimentary conference registration, including access to any official social functions.
- **Accommodation**
 - Personally book and pay for up to five (5) nights' accommodation.
 - Prior to departure, submit a Reimbursement Form with appropriate tax invoices to claim eligible accommodation expenses (up to USD \$300 per night).
- **Travel Allowance**
 - Upon returning from travel, submit a Reimbursement Form to claim an agreed daily meal and incidental allowance for up to 5 days.
 - This allowance will be based on the ATO [Tax Determination TD 2026/4 for the 2026-27 income year](#). The amount is dependent on the recipient's annual salary.
- **If Unable to Attend**
Notify ASMIRT in writing as soon as possible if you are unable to attend in person and present at the conference.

10. Award Requirements

As a condition of accepting the International Speaker Exchange Award, the recipient is required to fulfill the following obligations:

- **Submit a Reflective Article**
Provide a written reflection on their experience as the International Speaker Exchange Award



recipient. This article will be considered for publication in *Spectrum* magazine or another official ASMIRT platform.

- **Acknowledge Sponsorship**

Clearly acknowledge their selection as the recipient of the ASMIRT International Speaker Exchange Award and formally recognise ASMIRT and the ASRT Foundation as the sponsoring organisations during their presentation and in all associated materials.

- **Include Provided Presentation Materials**

Incorporate an ASMIRT-branded slide in their presentation. This slide, which will be supplied in advance, must be used and includes a statement acknowledging ASMIRT as the sponsoring organisation and a disclaimer that ASMIRT does not endorse the content of the presentation.

- **Submit Presentation Slides**

Provide the intended presentation slides to ASMIRT for review prior to the conference. This is to ensure the presentations meet the intended quality and incorporates all of the outlined award requirements.

11. Tax Implications

The liability of a Recipient for Income Tax is a matter for decision by the Commissioner of Taxation and ASMIRT has no responsibility or authority in the matter. Any allowances paid to Recipients are likely to be treated as assessable income. ASMIRT recommends that Recipients keep receipts for all expenditure during their Bursary and seek independent advice with respect to their eligibility for claiming tax deductions.

12. Disclaimer

The decision made by ASMIRT will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into. ASMIRT does not accept appeals to its decision.

13. Further Assistance

For further assistance or more information, please contact the ASMIRT Education Team:

- Telephone: (03) 9419 3336
- Email: scholarships@asmirt.org

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