

2025 PSMFM FELLOWS' RESEARCH CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

OBJECTIVE:

To promote scientific research paper writing among fellows-in-training in the field of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the sixteen training institutions accredited by the Philippine Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Inc. (PSMFM).

GENERAL RULE:

The contest is open to all fellows-in-training in any of the fourteen accredited training institutions of the Philippine Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Inc. (PSMFM). An individual who graduated from an accredited PSMFM training program within one fiscal year from contest date (January 1, 2023 onwards) may join the contest.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The research must deal with a subject relevant to the science or practice of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.
2. The principal author must be a fellow-in-training or must have graduated within one fiscal year from research contest date. One of the co-authors must be an active MFM consultant of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the same institution.
3. Authorship credit should be based only on the following:
 - Substantial contributions to conception and design or acquisition of data, analysis, and interpretation of data
 - Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content
 - Final approval of the version to be presented
 - Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved
4. There is no limit to the number of papers a fellow-in-training may submit.
5. The paper should not have been published in any local or international journal.
6. Resubmission of previously submitted non-winning papers is not allowed.
7. The research manuscript (written scientific paper) shall be prejudged by the PSMFM Research Committee. A research manuscript must garner at least 70% of the maximum total points allotted to the written paper portion to be eligible for oral presentation. The research committee reserves the right to limit the presentation to the top five (5) entries if numerous entries become eligible for oral presentation.
8. The oral presentation will be held Face to face and / or online (hybrid) on **October 18, 2025 (Saturday)**.
9. The Society reserves the right to publish winning and non-winning research papers deemed worthy of publication.
10. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning papers. The amount of the cash prizes shall be determined by the PSMFM Research Committee and is subject to approval by the PSMFM Board.
11. If less than three research entries are submitted or meet at least 70% rating during pre-screening, the Committee on Research has the prerogative to cancel the contest.

MANUSCRIPT

1. The manuscript must be written entirely in English, using Arial font size 12 on 8 ½ x 11-inch white bond paper substance 20 on one side only, double-spaced with 1 ¼ inch margin on all sides.
2. The use of word processing tools such as Spelling and Grammar Check, Word count, and Thesaurus is encouraged.
3. The use of a Plagiarism Detection Software is also encouraged. The Similarity Index for the manuscript, not including the list of references and appendices, ideally must be less than 20 percent.
4. Each manuscript should be in this sequence:
 - a. Title
 - b. Abstract (not more than 300 words) and Key Words
 - c. Introduction
 - d. Objectives (General and Specific)
 - e. Methodology
 - f. Results
 - g. Discussion
 - h. Conclusion
 - i. Limitation/s
 - j. Recommendation/s
 - k. Acknowledgment/s
 - l. References
 - m. Appendices
 - n. Tables
 - o. Illustrations (with legend) and Pictures (colored or black & white)
5. Whenever appropriate, the metric system, Systeme International (SI) units, and temperature in degree Celsius are used. Nonproprietary (generic) names should be used for medical substances, unless the use of a specific brand name is important. In the latter situation, the pharmaceutical interest should be declared.
6. When acronyms or abbreviations are used, the acronym enclosed in parenthesis should initially follow the entire phrase or group of words. Abbreviations should be spelled out no matter how common they are.
7. The Vancouver referencing style shall be used.

GUIDELINES:

1. Six (6) printed copies of the manuscript contained in folders and an electronic copy (in PDF format) saved in a USB drive labeled with the title should be submitted.
2. The identity of the author or institution should not be mentioned anywhere in the submitted manuscript. Point deductions may be made by the judges for non-compliance.
3. A single page containing the title of the paper, authors' name(s), signature(s), contact number(s) and institutional affiliation should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.
4. The printed manuscripts together with the USB drive and the sealed envelope should be placed in a sealed long Manila envelope and submitted to the following address on or before the set deadline:

Philippine Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Inc.

Committee on Research and Scientific Works
POGS Bldg. #56 Malakas St., Diliman Q.C.

5. Failure to comply with the manuscript rules and guidelines may be grounds for disqualification from the contest.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPT:

July 26, 2025 (Saturday) at 5:00 pm

PROCEDURE FOR JUDGING:

1. Scientific papers submitted on or before the deadline will be pre-screened by the PSMFM Research and Scientific Works Committee for prejudging.
2. The research manuscript will be pre-screened based on the following criteria:
 - Introduction and review of literature (5%)
 - Significance and Importance of the Study to Maternal-Fetal Medicine (5%)
 - Presence of measurable objectives (10%)
 - Appropriateness of Methodology (25%)
 - Presentation of data and interpretation of results (25%)
 - Discussion and Conclusion (25%)
 - Adherence to format (5%)
3. Scores given by the Research committee shall be averaged. Research manuscripts garnering an average score at least 70% of total 70% possible maximum score (at least 49%) will be eligible for the oral presentation
4. The Panel of Judges will evaluate both the written output and the oral presentation of the paper on October 18, 2025 using the following criteria:

The written paper will comprise 70% of the paper's final score:

- Introduction and review of literature (5%)
- Significance and Importance of the Study to Maternal-Fetal Medicine (5%)
- Presence of measurable objectives (10%)
- Appropriateness of Methodology (25%)
- Presentation of data and interpretation of results (25%)
- Discussion and Conclusion (25%)
- Adherence to format (5%)

The oral presentation will comprise the remaining 30% of the paper's final score:

- Organization of the presentation (5%)
- Adherence to the allotted time (5%)
- Clarity and logical sequencing of thought (5%)
- Ability to answer questions during the open forum (15%)

5. Decisions made by the Committee on Research and the Board of Judges are final and irrevocable.