

Academy Research Award Judging Rubric

AWARD DESCRIPTION: This award is intended to recognize those members performing the most outstanding research in the profession of orthotics and prosthetics. The research must have been documented and published or presented as a part of an Academy sponsored scientific education program within the previous three years. This award shall be considered for presentation on an annual basis or as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Nominator must demonstrate how nominee meets each criteria, providing specific examples.

Prerequisites: The nominee must be an Academy member in good standing. The research must have been presented as part of an Academy-sponsored scientific education program within the previous three years.

This rubric ensures a fair and thorough evaluation process, recognizing members who have performed the most outstanding research in the profession of orthotics and prosthetics, significantly contributing to the advancement of knowledge and practice.

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
Quality of Research	The research is of exceptional quality, demonstrating rigorous methodology, comprehensive analysis, and clear conclusions.	
Impact on Orthotics and Prosthetics profession	The research has a profound and lasting positive impact on the profession, significantly advancing knowledge and practice.	
Originality and Innovation	The research demonstrates exceptional originality and innovation, introducing groundbreaking ideas or approaches.	
Relevance to Orthotics and Prosthetics	The research is highly relevant to current issues and challenges in the orthotics and prosthetics profession.	
Documentation and Presentation	The research is thoroughly documented and presented in an exemplary manner, meeting all standards of scientific communication.	
Publication or Presentation	The research has been published or presented at an Academy-sponsored scientific education program.	
FINAL SCORE OUT OF 30		

Scoring Guidelines

5 points: Nomination describes at least five of these behaviors.

4 points: Nomination describes at least four of these behaviors.

3 points: Nomination describes at least three of these behaviors.

2 points: Nomination describes at least two of these behaviors.

1 point: Nomination describes at least one of these behaviors.

0 points: Nomination provided no information on this criterion.

Evaluation Process

1. Nomination Review: Each nominee's accomplishments and contributions will be reviewed and scored individually based on the criteria.

2. Scoring: Each judge will score the nominees on a scale of 0 to 5 for each criterion.

3. Total Score: The scores from all criteria will be summed to obtain the total score for each nominee.

4. Discussion and Consensus: Judges will discuss the scores and provide justifications. A consensus will be reached to select the most deserving candidate.

5. Award Decision: The nominee with the highest total score, provided they meet the high standards set by the Board of Directors, will be recommended for the award.