REGULATIONS:

1. The Award will be known as the Waikato Medical Research Foundation Best Paper Award.
2. The Award will be of the value of $1,000 (see Note i).
3. The Award will be made annually to the student enrolled in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland who, in the year prior to the award, has submitted the most meritorious paper for publication in an academic journal (see Note ii).
4. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee comprising the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (or nominee), the Chair of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences Research Committee (or nominee) and the Chair of the Waikato Medical Research Foundation (or nominee).
5. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

Notes:

i. The recipient of the Award will be invited to present their paper at the September Waikato Clinical conference.
ii. Papers submitted for consideration for the Award are judged by the novelty of the data or research approach, the impact it will have in the field, the candidate’s contribution to the paper, the standing of the journal and reviewers’ favourable comments.
iii. To be eligible for this award, the candidate must reside or work in the Waikato region OR their primary supervisor must be a member of the Waikato Clinical School.
iv. The candidates must be the first author of the paper and the paper must have appeared in an edition of an academic journal between 1 January and 31 December of the year prior to the award. In press papers are not eligible.

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