

John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition Submission Guidelines

The John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition, sponsored by the ACP Education Foundation, will be held during the **ACP Annual Session at the Hyatt Regency Chicago November 12 and 13, 2026**. The competition is held to stimulate and acknowledge original research in prosthodontics. The ACP Research Committee strongly encourages all eligible individuals to participate in this program.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals are eligible if they are currently enrolled in a postdoctoral prosthodontic program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or have completed such a program in the last three (3) years and are an Active Member, Fellow, or Resident Member, in good standing, of the American College of Prosthodontists. Manuscripts must not have been previously accepted for publication (except for *Journal of Prosthodontics* (JOP) acceptance) and are eligible for publication in the JOP.

The John Sharry Research Award is a competition between prosthodontic residents and recent program graduates. Submissions *must be original, well-planned, and carefully executed by the competitor*.

Submissions should consist of research completed during or in conjunction with the applicant's CODA-accredited prosthodontic residency program.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts must be submitted ELECTRONICALLY (email file attachment) by the applicant to the ACP Education Foundation at edigiacom@prosthodontics.org by **Friday, June 12, 2026**.

ABSTRACT PARAMETERS

- 1) Abstracts must have a structured form that includes **objectives, methods, results, and conclusions**.
- 2) Abstracts are limited to a maximum of **350 words**. Please verify word number using "Word Count" under the tools section of Word or other word processing program and state the word number at the bottom of the abstract.
- 3) The abstract must be accompanied by an **electronic letter of support** from the research mentor (sent as a separate file attachment with the email submission). **The Support letter must include:** a breakdown of the percent effort by the student, research mentor, other project collaborators, and the source of funding. The letter must also include a statement guaranteeing that the manuscript will be submitted for publication in the JOP if the project is selected as a finalist (this must be done prior to the oral presentation during the Annual Session).
- 4) The abstract must also be accompanied by the **completed application supplement** which can be found on pages 4-5 of these guidelines.
- 5) Please do not identify the institution, the student, or mentor within the text of the abstract.

ABSTRACT/MANUSCRIPT REVIEW PROCESS

- 1) All submitted abstracts will be reviewed, and six finalists will be selected no later than Friday, **July 10, 2026**. Please note that the six finalists are not eligible to present their research in both the Sharry and Poster Competition. Sharry applicants that are *not* selected as finalists can participate in the Poster Competition.

The six finalists will be required to:

- a) Submit complete PDF-formatted manuscripts to the ACP Education Foundation at edigiacomoprosthodontics.org no later than **Friday, October 16, 2026**.

NOTE: Manuscripts must follow the page limit (10-page maximum), reference formatting, and other constraints for standard submissions to the JOP. Manuscripts that do not follow these [guidelines](#) will be returned without review.

- b) If not submitted already, submit a final copy of the manuscript [online](#) to the JOP by **Friday, October 16, 2026**. Finalists must forward the JOP manuscript submission number to edigiacomoprosthodontics.org.
 - c) Submit a final copy of your PowerPoint presentation to edigiacomoprosthodontics.org no later than **Friday, October 30, 2026**.
- 2) The ACP Research Committee will review the manuscripts, and the six finalists will compete at the ACP Annual Session by giving an oral presentation, which will be scored by the ACP Research Committee. The full manuscripts will also be scored, and those scores will be used in the final scoring formula. The scoring formula and percent distribution that will determine the three winners can be found below:

50% for submitted manuscript

50% for oral presentation (30% Q&A and 20% Style*)

***Style is defined as:**

1. Following guidelines of presentation length
2. Clarity of presentation
3. Quality of slides
4. Logical flow (Presentation of review process factors 1-6 found below)
5. Presentation skills

FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 1) Purpose/Hypothesis-driven investigation
- 2) Study design/methodology
- 3) Innovation
- 4) Appropriate statistical analyses
- 5) Basic science or clinical relevance of the study
- 6) Personal contribution to research project

ONSITE FINAL PRESENTATIONS

The six finalists will present live on the main podium at the 2026 Annual Session on **November 12 and 13**. Each finalist will be given 15 minutes to present to the Research Committee and audience, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A (from Research Committee Only). Rehearsal time for finalists will be scheduled ahead of final presentations.

Final placement will be determined by the composite score of the manuscript and presentation.

Each finalist will receive a one-night hotel stay (up to \$300) and U.S. domestic airfare (booked 30 days in advance, up to \$600). Cash awards of \$1250 for 1st place, \$750 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place will be presented during the general session on **Friday, November 13** (award checks and reimbursement will be mailed following the meeting). Please note that international winners may be subject to a 30% tax withholding in accordance with U.S. tax law.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY
IN PDF FORMAT TO THE ACPEF AT
edigiacom@prosthodontics.org by June 12, 2026**

Did this manuscript receive intramural or extramural funding?* No Yes (if yes, please fill in the next section)

Source(s) of Funding	Name and Grand Number (if appropriate)	Primary Investigator	Date

Please note that any proposed research must not be concurrently funded by other organizations. Should funding be secured from another source, it is **mandatory to withdraw the application.*

Has this manuscript been previously presented in part or its entirety as an abstract, paper, table clinic, poster, or other format? No Yes (if yes, please fill in the next section)

Presentation Type	Name and Location of Meeting/Conference	Which portion of the submitted manuscript was presented?	Name of each person listed on the presentation	Date

Please list the names and titles of all contributors to the submitted manuscript.

Name and Title	% of Contribution	Date	Signature

Will the applicant be listed as first and primary author of the manuscript submitted to the Research Committee and presented at the Sharry Competition?

No Yes

If no, please explain.

By signing the application, you are affirming that the information provided is true and complete.

Title	Signature	Date
Resident		
Prosthodontic Program Director		
Primary Research Advisor		