

Criteria for Submitting the Academic Work

51st Annual Scientific Congress of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand

Please read this GUIDELINE of abstract preparation before submitting an abstract. Abstracts that do NOT comply with this guideline may be rejected.

**If you have any questions about submitting, please contact Ms. Napat Prasongdee via email:
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Guideline:

- 1) Write the abstract in English using the font 'Times New Roman 14'.
- 2) Each abstract must include 4 elements: Title, Author name(s), Affiliation(s), and Abstract body.
- 3) The title should be in all lowercase letters except the first letter of the title.
- 4) The author's name begins with the full first name, then the surname (NO academic degree), with a notation of affiliation in the superscript letter immediately after the surname.
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- 5) The abstract body must include the following headings: Background, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusion—except for an abstract of a case report or VDO presentation that can be written in narrative form.
- 6) The abstract body must NOT contain more than 350 words.
- 7) The abstract must NOT include a table, figure, or reference.

Note:

- 1) The deadline for abstract submission is **Tuesday, June 30, 2026** (midnight BKK time).
- 2) The accepted abstract will be published in the congress e-proceeding book and the printed version of The Thai Journal of Surgery as it is, so please 'double-check' the content and typing errors before submission.
- 3) Only RCST members and residents/fellows (with a certified letter from training institutes) will be eligible for any award contest.
- 4) Resident(s)/Fellow(s) must submit a full paper along with an abstract before the deadline if you want to be included in the 'Resident Paper Award (contest)'. Otherwise, the abstract will be selected for oral presentation as a 'Free Paper Presentation (non-contest)'.

Eligibility:

- 1) Applicants of all awards must register online before submission.
- 2) Entries to the award must not have been previously published or received an award elsewhere (except an award or contest in his/her own institute).
- 3) Each applicant must be a member of the RCST and a surgical resident/fellow in training (except for the Resident Paper Award, the applicant must be a surgical resident/fellow in training).
- 4) An entry is limited to one award only but is allowed to be presented in another non-contest session (Free paper presentation, non-contest).
- 5) There is no age limit for the applicant, except an applicant for the 'RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award' must be 45 years old or younger on the date of submission.
- 6) As there is only one abstract submission form for all awards, the applicant must indicate clearly for which award he/she wishes to apply and fulfill all regulations of the selected award.
- 7) In case of no qualified entries, the contest committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes.
- 8) The research work must be conducted mostly in Thailand.
- 9) The decision of the contest committee is considered final.
- 10) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee.

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Prizes and Awards:

- 1) Resident Paper Award
- 2) VDO Award
- 3) Thongueb Uttaravichien Award
- 4) RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award
- 5) ACS Basic Science Award
- 6) Poster Award
- 7) Chomchark's Medical Student Research Award
- 8) Surgical Illustration contest
- 9) Free Paper Presentation

1. Resident Paper Award

1.1) The award is divided into two categories: Basic science award and Clinical research award. Each category has three prizes: the first prize is 20,000 Baht, the second prize is 16,000 Baht, and the third prize is 12,000 Baht. Honorary plaques will be bestowed upon each winner's institute.

1.2) The Applicant must be or have been a surgical resident or fellow of any subspecialty at the time the research was conducted.

1.3) The following documents must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration no later than **Tuesday, June 30 2026**:

- A. A certified introductory letter from his/her institute
- B. Evidence of approval by the institutional Research Ethics Committee
- C. The abstract and A research manuscript in publish-ready form, or at least a document detailing the methodology and results of the research.

1.4) The surgical resident/fellow must make an oral presentation in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute

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2. VDO Award *Click here for more information.*

The Video Presentation Competition comprises five award categories that recognize outstanding contributions to surgical education, innovation, and technological advancement.

2.1 Surgical Technique Award

This award recognizes videos that present valuable surgical techniques with strong educational merits.

Prizes include:

- First Prize: 20,000 THB
- Second Prize: 15,000 THB
- Third Prize: 10,000 THB
- Two Honorable Mention Awards

2.2 Innovation in Surgery Award

This award recognizes videos that present **novel concepts or innovations in surgery**, such as:

- New surgical techniques
- Digital technologies in surgery
- Surgical support systems and platforms

2.3 Best Educational Video Award

This award recognizes videos that demonstrate outstanding educational quality and clearly and effectively communicate surgical knowledge.

2.4 AI / Robotic Surgery Award

This award recognizes videos related to advanced technologies in surgical practice, including:

- Artificial Intelligence in Surgery
- Robotic Surgery
- Image-guided Surgery
- Computer-assisted Surgery

2.5 Audience Choice Award

This award recognizes the video presentation that receives the highest number of votes from conference participants through a digital voting system.

Submission Requirements

All submitted videos must comply with the following requirements:

- Maximum video length: 8 minutes
- The presentation should be prepared using PowerPoint, Keynote, or Canva, accompanied by a surgical video demonstration
- A video of the presenter must appear in one corner of the screen during the presentation without obstructing important visual content
- Aspect ratio: 16:9
- File format: MP4 Minimum resolution: 1080p
- The video must not contain any identifiable patient information

Submission Deadline

Participants must submit an abstract and the video presentation for review by the selection committee before **Tuesday, June 30 2026.**

Judging and Announcement

All decisions made by the selection committee are final.

Award-winning entries will be featured on the official website of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand: www.rcst.or.th

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3. Thongueb Uttaravichien Award

- (1) The award consists of three prizes: the first prize is 30,000 Baht, the second prize is 20,000 Baht, and the third prize is 10,000 Baht. The honorary plaques will be bestowed upon each winner's institute.
- (2) The research must relate to education and training in all fields of surgery and must also be considered by the IRB of the relevant institution.
- (3) The applicant must be a Thai/foreign instructor, resident, medical student, educator, or person who is interested in education.
- (4) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
- (5) Abstract and manuscript in the publish-ready form must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration before **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.

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4. RCST & ICS Young Investigator Award

- (1) One Prize of Baht 10,000
- (2) Applicant must be a general surgeon and a member of the RCST.
- (3) The age limit should not exceed 45 years on the date of submission.
- (4) The Abstract and manuscript in publish-ready form, along with a detailed description of the invention's device's functions and performance results (if any), must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.
- (5) Entries, whether they received an award or not, will remain the contestant's intellectual property.
- (6) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.

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5. ACS Basic Science Award

- (1) One Prize of Baht 20,000 (in case of no qualified entries, two Honorable Mentions of Baht 5,000 each)

- (2) Abstract and manuscript in the publish-ready form must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.
- (3) Presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.

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6. Poster Award

- (1) The award is divided into two categories: Basic science award and Clinical research award
Each category consists of three prizes: the first prize is 12,000 Baht, the second prize is 10,000 Baht, and the third prize is 8,000 Baht.
- (2) The poster should describe the research and its results and focus mainly on the content and form of the research.
- (3) The poster should be 90x120 cm. The contestant must prepare the poster himself/herself and bring it to present at the RCST Annual Scientific Congress.
- (4) Poster presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
- (5) Abstract must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.

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7. Chomchark's Medical Student Research Award

(1) Objectives

- To promote and enhance research capacity among medical students with an interest in surgery.
- To strengthen skills in systematic academic research presentation in accordance with research ethics.
- To foster collaboration among medical students, surgical advisors, and institutions in order to advance research toward international presentation and publication.
- To emphasize the importance of sound research methodology, logical discussion, and meaningful clinical impact in surgical practice.

(2) Submission Rules and Eligibility

2.1 Applicant Qualifications

- Applicants must be medical students, either as individuals or as a team, and must have at least one surgical faculty member serving as an advisor.

- The applicant must personally present the research on the day of the competition. For team submissions, a primary presenter must be designated.

2.2 Categories of Submission

- Eligible submissions include:
 - Clinical Research
 - Basic Research

- Systematic Review and/or Meta-analysis
- Innovative Research related to Surgery

Note: The following types of submissions will not be considered:

(Narrative Reviews / Scoping Reviews) General academic articles without clearly defined systematic research methodology (Medical Education Research)

2.3 Research Ethics

- (1) The award is divided into two categories: Basic science award and Clinical research award
Each category consists of three prizes: the first prize is 12,000 Baht, the second prize is 10,000 Baht, and the third prize is 8,000 Baht.
- (2) The poster should describe the research and its results and focus mainly on the content and form of the research.
- (3) The poster should be 90x120 cm. The contestant must prepare the poster himself/herself and bring it to present at the RCST Annual Scientific Congress.
- (4) Poster presentation must be made in English on the date, time, and venue assigned by the contest committee. The time limit is 8 minutes plus a 2-minute Q&A.
- (5) Abstract must be submitted to the contest committee for consideration by **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.
 - works previously presented at other scientific meetings
 - works published more than one year prior to submission. (counted from the date of public release

in either online or printed format).

2.4 Submission Requirements

- (1) Applicants must register for the 51st Annual Scientific Congress of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand, to be held 24–26 July 2026 at Royal Cliff Hotels, Pattaya, Thailand. Registration is available via the congress website: <https://www.rcst.or.th/asc/2026/index.php>
- (2) Applicants must submit the following documents via the online submission system:
 - Abstract
 - Ethics Committee (EC) Certificate

2.5 Presentation Format

- (1) All presentations must be conducted onsite only at the conference venue. The applicant or designated presenter must be present to deliver the presentation and respond to questions from the judges. The presentation must be conducted in English only.

Time Allocation

- (2) Presentation: 8 minutes and discussion: 2 minutes (Total time: 10 minutes per presentation)
- (3) Slides should follow the structure below:

Background → Objective → Methods → Results → Discussion/Implication → Conclusion

- (4) Slide Submission
 - Presentation slides must be submitted at least one day prior to the presentation date, and no revisions will be permitted after submission.

2.6 Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated by the Subcommittee on Medical Student Research Competition of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in accordance with the Medical Student Paper Award criteria.

Evaluation will be based on:

- Quality of Abstract
- Originality and Importance
- Study Design and Methodology

- Results and Clinical Applicability in Surgical Practice
- Presentation and Response to Questions

2.7 Awards and Certificates

(1) Certificates of Presentation will be awarded to all presenters.

(2) Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First Prize: 5,000 Baht
- Second Prize: 3,000 Baht
- Third Prize: 2,000 Baht

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8. Surgical Illustration Contest

The Surgical Illustration Contest invites participants to submit original artwork that integrates medical science and visual art (Medical Art) to effectively communicate concepts in surgery and anatomy. The competition aims to promote visual approaches that enhance the understanding of surgical knowledge through scientifically accurate and artistically compelling illustrations. [Click here for more information.](#)

8.1 Categories of Participants

Participants will be divided into two categories.

- Student Category

Students currently enrolled in: Secondary school, Undergraduate or higher education (including health sciences and fine arts programs)

- Professional Category

Open to: Physicians, Nurses, Medical Illustrators, and general participants with an interest in medical art.

8.2 Competition Themes

Applicants may submit artwork under one of the following themes:

Theme A: Anatomy & Pathology

Illustrations demonstrating surgical anatomy or pathological conditions related to surgery.

Theme B: Innovation in Surgery

Illustrations demonstrating surgical innovations, instruments, or modern operative techniques.

Note: Shortlisted participants must register for the Annual Scientific Congress.

Awards

Three awards will be granted. All winners will receive cash prizes and certificates.

- First Prize: 10,000 Baht
- Second Prize: 5,000 Baht
- Third Prize: 3,000 Baht

Important Dates

- Submission Opens: **Sunday, 15 March 2026**
- Submission Deadline: **Wednesday, 1 July 2026**

Announcement of Results and Award Ceremony: **Saturday, July 25, 2026**

9. Free Paper Presentation

9.1 Eligibility of Submissions

Submitted work must:

- Not previously published
- Have not received awards from other scientific meetings or competitions

9.2 Presenter Qualifications

Presenters must be one of the following:

- Surgeons
- Members of The Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand
- Surgical residents
- Surgical fellows

9.3 Presentation Format

- Presentations must be conducted in English
- Presenters must present according to the date, time, and venue assigned by the organizing committee

Time allocation:

- Presentation: 8 minutes
- Discussion: 2 minutes
- Total time: 10 minutes

9.4 Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted for review by the Scientific Committee no later than **Tuesday, June 30 2026**.

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