

# 2026 MANUAL

THE STUDENT CLINICIAN PROGRAM



**The Dental Association of Thailand**

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# THE STUDENT CLINICIAN PROGRAM: A POSTER COMPETITION

The Student Clinician Program, conducted by *the Dental Association of Thailand* (hereafter DAT) and sponsored by *Dentsply (International)*, provides the opportunity for one student from each accredited dental school in Thailand to receive an expense-paid trip to participate in the Annual Scientific Session of the Dental Association of Thailand and to compete for awards.

## **Definition of Program**

**The Student Clinician Program is a research competition, which emphasizes presenting research work containing clinical implications, not pure basic research.** It must be orally presented completely in English with no more than 7 minutes to judges during period of the DAT annual session.

A vertical **digital** poster will be used for the presentation. When creating the poster, please follow the following items:

- Pixel Dimensions: The minimum recommended size (W x H) is 1080 x 1920 pixels.
- Aspect Ratio: 9:16
- Resolution (DPI): 300 pixels/inch
- File Size: Maximum file size is 4 Megabytes (4MB).
- File Format: Save your file in PDF format.

## **The presenter must be able to provide the answers to these questions.**

- **What is the research question?**
- **What are the findings?**
- **What is clinical application?**

This is a presentation demonstrating methods and results of research which have immediate relevance to clinical dentistry. The work may show preventive, restorative, surgical or diagnostic procedures, or it may concern materials or devices directly related to dental care, including research and/or advocates of a clinical technique because of that research.

## **Eligibility**

The Student Clinician Program accepts the work done in the presenter's dental school, selected through a competition at his/her school, and has never been awarded nationally or internationally except for awards from applicant's own faculty. **Participants must be undergraduate students or not graduated more than one year at the time of presentation at the DAT Annual Session.** Participants must not be graduate students at the time of presentation. The presentation may be developed by two or more students **but only one student from each school is eligible to present for judging** and receive financial support from Dentsply.

## **Invitation to Participate.**

The initial letter of invitation to participate in the Student Clinician Program is forwarded to the Dean of each school. The Dean will indicate whether the school will participate and name the faculty advisor to whom future correspondence should be directed.

## **Regulations**

1. The competition is a closed, onsite, oral presentation, and must be **presented in English by one student only during judging.**
2. Students must submit the application form with a **summary** of their work (an abstract) in English, maximum of 300 words in length containing:
  - a. **Title:** limit to 10 words or less

- b. Purposes or Objectives: Identify reasons for investigation and provide brief background information.
- c. Methods: Report how the study was conducted, identifying techniques, drugs, animals, etc.
- d. Results: The bulk of information should be contained here, listing the results of the study and their possible significance.
- e. Conclusion: Provide definite conclusion of the study.
- f. Keywords, provide at least 3 and no more than 5 keywords in alphabetical order.
- g. Work must be subclassified into one of the following groups:
  - Behavioral, epidemiology and health services
  - Cariology
    - Clinical & epidemiological studies
    - Demineralization/remineralization
    - Detection, risk assessment & others
    - Erosion
    - Fluoride & Ca-based products
    - Microbiological studies/biofilm
  - Clinical and translational science network
  - Craniofacial biology
  - Dental anesthesiology and special care
  - Dental materials
    - Ceramic-based materials
    - Polymer-based materials
    - Meta-based materials and other materials
    - Adhesion
    - Biocompatibility, bioengineering and biologic effects of materials
    - Instruments and equipment
    - Color and appearance (esthetics)
    - Clinical trials
  - Diagnostic science
  - Geriatric and special care
  - Implantology
  - Mineralized tissue
  - Neuroscience/pain
  - Oral/maxillofacial surgery
  - Periodontal tissue
  - Pediatric dentistry
  - Pharmacology
  - Pulp biology/regeneration
  - Restorative dentistry
  - Salivary research

3. Each presentation must be no longer than 7 minutes in length, allowing another 10 minutes for Q & A.
4. **PDF file of the presentation must be electronically submitted to the DAT by June 10, 2026.** (email to [thaidental@thaidental.or.th](mailto:thaidental@thaidental.or.th) )
5. Substitution of presenter or significant changes in the title of presentations from those listed in the official program is not permitted.
6. No advertising material may be distributed nor any material shown, which in any way resembles a commercial promotional effort. Drugs and products mentioned in the presentation generally should be identified by chemical formula or by generic name. Trade names may be used for identification and clarification purposes only. Should the use of trade names be advantageous to the viewer's

understanding of the presentation, the rationale should be submitted in writing to the Dental Association of Thailand 15 days in advance of the annual session requesting the Dental Association of Thailand approval. **Commercial promotion of a product or service by trade name is absolutely prohibited.**

7. All presenters must report to the competition room **half an hour before the judging session begins.**

8. **Only one presenter is permitted during the judging session.**

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE STUDENT FROM COMPETITION.**

### **Method of Selection**

The Dental Association of Thailand does not designate a specific procedure for the selection of students. However, the Association does require each school to utilize the mechanism of a student competition conducted either by the student association or the school itself. It is acknowledged that each school has its separate set of rules or guidelines in the selection of the student winner. However, it must be understood that the student who participates in the program must adhere to the regulations established by the Dental Association of Thailand.

### **Expenses of Student Clinicians**

Students selected by each school and accepted by the Dental Association of Thailand will receive from Dentsply (International), prior to the annual session, as followings:

1. One round trip transportation from the city where the school is located.
2. One night of hotel accommodation
3. Allowance includes meals and local transportation.

The expense (1-3) will be provided to students by DAT upon arrangement with Dentsply (Thailand). Students are required to remain at the annual meeting for award presentation (time and location will later be provided).

### **Criteria Used for Judging**

Judging is based on scientific merit, presentation quality and style, questions and answers.

### **Registration for the Annual Session**

All students and advisors will be pre-registered, courtesy of the DAT. The badges will entitle them to admission to scientific sessions, as well as the technical exhibition area.

### **Time of Presentation**

Judging session (a closed session) starts **from 9.00 am on June 17, 2026**. Please be reminded that **only one presenter is allowed during judging**.

### **Award Ceremony**

The award ceremony takes place to honor all the students participating in the program. The students will receive the recognition they deserve as the official representative of their dental schools. Awards will be presented to the winner and first runner-up. Invitations and RSVP cards will be forwarded directly to each student, dean and faculty advisors from Dentsply.

### **Awards**

1. **The first prize winner** (one presenter) will receive an award from Dentsply including:
  - a. A travel prize to the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) Annual Meeting.
  - b. His or her work will be as a part of the Scientific Program.
  - c. Transportation, hotel, hotel transportation and meal expenses are provided by Dentsply.
2. **The second prize winner** will receive an award from the DAT including 500 USD cash prize

## Suggestions

The following suggestions are designed to assist students in the preparation:

1. Judges are looking for scientific/clinical substances, and are not impressed with sophisticated gadgets, etc.
2. A complete oral presentation in English must be no longer than 7 minutes.
3. The student should be prepared to answer questions regarding the presentation.

## Responsibility of the School

Each eligible school is required to complete a form furnished by *the Dental Association of Thailand* indicating its desire to participate in the Student Clinician Program, listing the name of the faculty advisor who will assist the student in properly fulfilling the requirements of the program.

## Responsibility of the Faculty Advisor

It is imperative that the faculty member appointed by the dean to serve as the advisor should make sure that every aspect of the student's presentation follows the regulations established *by the Dental Association of Thailand*. The advisor should also see that the student returns all completed forms by the due date.

## Responsibility of the Participants

1. Complete and return all forms and necessary documents via online system furnished by *the Dental Association of Thailand* **no later than 4:30 pm. of May 18, 2026.**
2. Submit an English abstract (maximum of 300 words) of the research work *to the Dental Association of Thailand* via provided online submission system.
3. Submit a recent formal photograph of the presenter *to the Dental Association of Thailand, online as a JPEG format with a resolution of at least 2 MB.*
4. PDF file of the presentation must be electronically submitted to the DAT **by June 10, 2026.**
5. *Remain at the D.A.T. annual session* for award presentation.
6. Pay incidental hotel charges when checking out (room service, phone calls, mini bar, etc). Note that the expense for shipment of materials for the presentation is not available.

## Additional Information

Faculty members or students seeking additional information regarding the regulations of the Student Clinician Program are invited to call 02-539-4748 (fax: 02-514-1100) or email to [thaidental@thaidental.or.th](mailto:thaidental@thaidental.or.th) or write to:

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Regulations will be announced yearly.

Additional requirements may be applied with appropriate notice.