

2026 MANUAL

GRADUATE RESEARCH COMPETITION



The Dental Association of Thailand

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THE DAT- Graduate Research Competition MANUAL

The DAT-Graduate Research Competition, conducted by the Dental Association of Thailand (hereafter DAT), provides the opportunity for graduate students from accredited dental schools in Thailand to compete. The winners of the competition will receive the following awards:

1. First prize award: total amount of 100,000 Baht
2. Second prize award: total amount of 50,000 Baht

Definition of Program

The DAT-Graduate Research Competition is a research competition aiming for research work relevant or basis to dentistry. This is an oral presentation, demonstrating research question, rationale of the study, methods, and results of research works, which have immediate relevance to clinical dentistry.

Eligibility

The program accepts the work done, in the presenter's accredited Thai dental school, **which has not been awarded nationally or internationally** except for awards from applicant's own faculty. Participants must be graduate students or former graduate students, who have graduated not more than one year at the time of presentation at the DAT Annual Session. The work may be developed by more than one student, but only one student from each group is eligible to compete.

Invitation to participate

The announcement of the DAT Graduate Research Competition will be sent to all deans of the dental schools. The status of each applicant must be endorsed by the dean of the dental school he or she has attended.

Regulations

1. The competition is an oral presentation in front of judges. Each work must be presented in English by one presenter using PowerPoint, Keynote or other presentation software. The study must not be awarded from national/international competition or conferences.
2. Students must submit the application form with **an abstract**, not to exceed 300 words in length in English, containing:
 - a. **Title** (maximum of 10 words)
 - b. **Problem or Objectives**: Identify reasons for investigation and provide background information
 - c. **Methods**: Report how the study was conducted, identifying techniques, drugs, animals, etc.
 - d. **Results and discussion**: The bulk of information should be contained here, listing results of the study and their possible significances. List the “NEW” findings and explain how your findings have made the advancement of science in dentistry. Explain how your findings will have an impact on clinical dentistry.
 - e. **Conclusion**: Provide definitive conclusion of the study.
 - f. **Keywords**: select no more than 5 keywords, in alphabetical order.
 - g. Work should be subclassified into one of two following groups:
 - Basic sciences
 - Clinical research or dental materials

Additionally, presenter must provide the answers to these questions.

- What is the research question?
- What are the new findings?
- What is the clinical relevance?

3. Oral presentation will be in English and takes no longer than 10 minutes. Ten-minute questions and answer session will follow.
4. Substitution of presenter or significant changes in the title of presentations from that listed in the official program is not permitted.
5. VDO clips are not allowed unless they are already impregnated in the presentation slide.
6. No advertising materials 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 formulas or by generic names. 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. Presenters must report to the competition room 30 minutes before the judging session begins.
8. Only **one presenter** is permitted to present and answer questions during judging session.

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

Method of Selection

The Dental Association of Thailand will preliminarily screen the submitted abstracts. Only selected abstracts will go to the final round. It must be understood that the competitors who participate in the program must adhere to the regulations established by the Dental Association of Thailand.

Screening Criteria

Originality or Novelty	0-5
Research Design and Quality	0-10
Clinical relevance	0-2

The submitted work must receive scores in all categories. Five projects or less will pass to the final round and the scores must be 13 or higher.

The DAT reserves the right to give final judgement, and the verdict is exclusive right of the DAT

Expenses

Students will receive as follows:

1. One round trip transportation (not more than 3,000 Baht/presenter) or 500 Baht/presenter for the presenter from Bangkok or vicinity (e.g. Pathumthani, Samutprakan, Nonthaburi)
2. One night of hotel accommodation (**the night of Wednesday, June 17, 2026**) for the presenter from outside of Bangkok or vicinity (e.g. Pathumthani, Samutprakan, Nonthaburi)

Graduate students are required to remain at the main lecture hall on **June 18, 2026**, for award presentation.

Usual documents supporting travel expenses must be provided for reimbursement. Participants for teams from outside of Bangkok or vicinity (e.g. Pathumthani, Samutprakan, Nonthaburi) are required to stay in the hotel provided by the organizing committee.

Criteria for Judging

Judgment is based on scientific merit, research quality, quality of presentation, and the ability to answer questions.

Registration for the Annual Session

All presenters and advisors will be pre-registered with no cost, courtesy of the DAT. The badges will entitle them admission to all scientific sessions, as well as the technical exhibition area.

Time of Presentation

Finalists are required to present their work to the judges from 13:00 to 16:00 on June 17, 2026. Please be ready at the presentation room at 12:30.

Award Ceremony

Award ceremony takes place at the award presentation session, usually in the main convention hall, to honor all finalists participating in the program. Awards will be presented to the first and second prize winners. Invitations and RSVP cards will be sent directly to each participant, dean, and research advisors.

AWARDS

The winner will receive an award from the DAT including:

1. **First prize 100,000 Baht** (40,000 for advisor(s), 40,000 for winner, 20,000 for institution)
2. **Second prize 50,000 Baht** (20,000 for advisor(s), 20,000 for winner 10,000 for institution)

Suggestions

The following suggestions are designed to assist competitors in the preparation of their oral presentations.

1. Judges are looking for scientific/clinically relevant substances, and are not impressed with sophisticated gadgets, etc.
2. A complete presentation in English of the oral presentation should be no longer than 10 minutes, allowing for a Q and A session for 10 minutes.
3. The competitor should be prepared to answer questions regarding the presented research work.

Responsibility of the dental school

Each eligible group is required to complete an application form furnished by the Dental Association of Thailand indicating its desire to participate in the “ DAT-Graduate Research Competition” and listing the name of the faculty advisor(s) who will assist the competitor in properly fulfilling the requirements of the program.

Responsibility of the faculty advisor(s)

It is imperative that the faculty member(s) appointed by the dean to serve as the advisor(s) should make sure that every aspect of the oral presentation follows the regulations established by the Dental Association of Thailand. The advisor(s) should also see that the competitor submits all completed forms by the deadline.

Responsibility of the competitor

1. Complete abstract and all forms via online system furnished by the Dental Association of Thailand no later than May 18, 2026.
2. PDF file of the presentation must be electronically submitted to the DAT by June 10, 2026.
3. Present their work to the judges from 13:00 to 16:00 on June 17, 2026. Be ready in the presentation room at 12:30.
4. Being present for award presentation.

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 at 02-539-4748 (fax: 02-514-1100) or email to thidental@thidental.or.th or write to:

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Regulations will be announced yearly.
Additional requirements may be applied with appropriate notice.