

MedSci 2025 Programme at a glance

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

3.00pm-5.00pm	MedSci Posters, Exhibition Hall
5.30pm-7.40pm	Plenary Lecture, Auditorium
7.45pm-9.30pm	Evening Social Function, Exhibition Hall

Thursday 4th September 2025

8.00am-10.00am	MedSci Plenary Lecture 1 Dr Daniel Bernard McGill University, Canada	
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea	
10.30am-12.30pm	Session 1A: PSNZ Bullivant Prize Finalists	Session 1B: Neuroendocrine control of energy homeostasis and behaviour Speakers: Zane Andrews (Monash University) Chris Hedges (University of Auckland) Kathy Mountjoy (University of Auckland) Aline Boer (University of Otago)
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch and Sponsor Demos	
1.30pm-3.30pm	Session 2A: PSNZ Hubbard Prize Finalists, Early Career Finalists, and Australian Physiological Society Prize	Session 2B: NZSE Prize Talks
3.30pm-4.00pm	Afternoon Tea and Coffee Break	
4.00pm-5.30pm	Session 3A: PSNZ Student Mini Oral Prize Finalists	Session 3B: PSNZ New and Emerging Researcher Prize PSNZ Excellence in Research Award
7.00pm-late	MedSci & QMB Joint Dinner + Prize-giving, Waitaki room, Te Pae Ticket only	

Friday 5th September 2025

9.00am-10.00am	MedSci Plenary Lecture 2: Dr Yong Xu McGill University, Canada	
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea	
10.30am-12.00pm	Session 4A: Sweet Pressure: Co-existing high blood pressure and high blood sugar Speakers: Holly Thorpe (University of Waikato) Haydyn Pomana (Turanga Health) Jingyuan Liang (University of Auckland) Daryl Schwenke (University of Otago) Amanaki STEM Academy Students	Session 4B: Free Communications
12.00pm-1.00pm	Lunch and Sponsor Demos. PSNZ and MedSci AGMs.	

1.00pm-3.00pm	<p>Session 5A:</p> <p>New ideas and approaches to investigating cardiac pathophysiology</p> <p>Speakers: James McNamara (Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne) Kim Mellor (University of Auckland) Andrew Taberner (University of Auckland) Johanna Montgomery (University of Auckland)</p>	<p>Session 5B:</p> <p>Regulation and actions of pituitary gonadotrophins</p> <p>Speakers: Michael Pankhurst (University of Otago) Zaramasina Clark (Victoria, University of Wellington) Danieal Bernard (McGill University, Canada) Kelly Walton (University of Queensland)</p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea and Coffee Break	
3.30pm-6.00pm	<p>Session 6A:</p> <p>Free Communications</p>	<p>Session 6B:</p> <p>Medical Science and Medical Technologies</p> <p>Speakers: James Sharman (University of Tasmania) Andrew Lowe (Auckland University of Technology) James McKeage (University of Auckland)</p>