

Prizes, Medals and Travelling Fellowships of The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Gaskell Medal and Prize

This Prize was instituted in 1886 and is named after Samuel Gaskell, Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum, Lancaster.

The Prize was established from a Trust Fund in memory of Dr Gaskell, but it is now supported almost entirely from College funds. It has increased in value over the years and now stands at £500, although the medal, originally gold, is now silver-gilt. Many of its holders have achieved distinction in psychiatry.

The Prize has always been considered one of the foremost academic distinctions in clinical psychiatry and members are asked to bring it to the notice of suitable candidates at their hospitals who may be eligible to compete.

Entry forms may be obtained on application to the Dean and should be completed and returned by 31 March 1993. An entry fee of £30.00 is charged, returnable to *bona fide* candidates. The annual examination for the Prize is held in May or June and includes a written paper, a clinical and an oral.

Regulations

Candidates must (a) have been qualified medical officers in one or more mental hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the British Commonwealth for at least two years; (b) have passed the MRCPsych Examination or an equivalent qualification within the last four years.

Research Prize and Bronze Medal

The Bronze Medal was instituted in 1882 as an award for a dissertation on a clinical or pathological subject related to mental disorder, submitted to the examiners by a medical officer below consultant status. It was usually published at a later date in the Journal of the RMPA and, latterly, the Royal College of Psychiatrists. In 1978 the Court of Electors agreed that there should be a new College prize to replace the Bronze Medal and Prize and also the Division Prizes which had been available until that time.

The prize is now worth £500 and the recipient receives a bronze medal. An opportunity may be given to recipients to report their research at a Quarterly Meeting of the College, subject to approval by the Programmes and Meetings Committee. The number of entrants is usually small. Nevertheless, the

standard of topics is high and there have been a number of notable names among the winners.

The Prize may only be awarded to Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist or equivalent at the time the research is submitted. Research involving collaboration between workers, whether psychiatrists or in other disciplines, may be submitted, but the Prize may be shared between no more than two eligible psychiatrists. In each instance where collaborative research is submitted there should be a clear indication of which parts of the research were undertaken by each worker and a statement of this effect signed by all collaborating workers must be submitted.

The research should be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation with accompanying tables or figures and should not normally exceed 10,000 words (including tables, references and appendices). A collection of articles will not be accepted as a submission for the Research Prize, but work already published or submitted for a higher degree may be included in the submission if it is incorporated into the essay or dissertation.

The examiners for the Research Prize will be nominated jointly by the Court of Electors and the Research Committee. No prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the prize should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March of each year. Reports received after this date will be accepted as entries for the Prize the following year.

President's essay prize

The President's Essay Prize was offered for the first time in 1991, as part of the College's 150th Anniversary celebrations.

The Prize, value £200, will be offered for an essay of 2,000–3,000 words. The topic for 1993 is to evaluate and marshal evidence for the efficacy of psychosocial interventions in psychiatry and to discuss the evidence for such treatments acting on their own, or in combination with psychopharmacology.

Applicants are expected to include a critical review of current relevant literature and on this to base some original comments and conclusions.

Entry is open to all Members of, or Associates with, the College*, without restrictions as to age or seniority. Entrants should include a brief *curriculum*

vitae and send their submissions to the President, at the College, by 31 March 1993.

Judges for the Prize will be President, the Dean and the Chairman of the Public Policy Committee. Entries will be assessed for publication in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

***“Members of, or Associates with, the College” means that applications can be received from “registered Members and Fellows of the College” as well as the “registered Affiliates, Honorary Fellows, Corresponding Fellows, Corresponding Associates, Inceptors, New Affiliates and New Associates”.**

The Gillian Page Prize in Adolescent Psychiatry

This prize is presented by Mr John Page, a Consultant ENT Surgeon, and his wife to commemorate their daughter Gillian, and the work that was done with her, by establishing a prize in her name in order to promote progress in adolescent psychiatry.

The Gillian Page Prize is awarded every two years under the auspices of the Royal College of Psychiatrists for an original piece of work in the field of adolescent psychiatry. This may take the form of a research project, a review of a particular topic, or a study of some clinical innovation. The value of the Prize is £500.

The Prize may be awarded only to members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist or equivalent, at the time the entry is submitted to the Royal College. A project involving collaboration between workers, whether psychiatrists or in any other discipline, may be submitted, but the Prize may be shared between no more than two eligible psychiatrists. In each instance where collaborative work is submitted here should be a clear indication of which parts were undertaken by each worker and a statement to this effect signed by all collaborating workers must be submitted.

Candidates are required to submit a title and short protocol of their project for approval by the Examiners at an early stage to ensure that it falls within the scope of the award.

Entries for the Prize should be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation, with accompanying tables and figures. A collection of articles will not be accepted as a submission for the Prize, but previously published work may be included in the submission if it is incorporated in the essay or dissertation.

Recipients of the Prize may be invited to present a report at the Scientific Meeting of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section which is held in the Autumn.

The Examiners for the Gillian Page Prize will be nominated by the Council of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. No prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the prize should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March 1993.

Brian Oliver Prize in the Psychiatry of Learning Disabilities

The Prize was established in 1991, from funds donated in memory of the late Dr Brian Oliver, who had been a member of the Mental Handicap Section's Executive Committee and, at the time of his death, was Honorary Secretary of the Mental Handicap Psychiatry Specialist Advisory Committee.

The Brian Oliver Prize is awarded annually under the auspices of the Royal College of Psychiatrists for research in the psychiatry of learning disabilities. Submissions may take the form an original piece of work or a literature review. The value of the Prize is £500.

Applicants may be trainees in psychiatry (SHOs, registrars or senior registrars) or consultants in psychiatry (within three years of their first consultant appointment). Research involving collaboration between workers, whether psychiatrists or in other disciplines, may be submitted, but the Prize may be shared between no more than two eligible applicants. In each instance where collaborative research is submitted, there should be a clear indication of which parts of the research were undertaken by each worker and a statement to this effect signed by all collaborating workers must be submitted.

Applicants are required to submit, at an early stage, a short summary (between 200 and 500 words) of their proposed submissions for approval by the examiners for the Prize, to ensure that their work falls within the scope of the award.

The research may be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation. Submissions, which may include figures and tables, should not exceed 10,000 words. A concise *curriculum vitae*, together with a list of appropriate publications, should accompany each application.

Recipients of the Prize may be invited to present a report at a Scientific Meeting of the Specialist Section for Mental Handicap Psychiatry.

The examiners for the Prize will be the Dean, the Chairman of the Research Committee and two assessors appointed by the Mental Handicap Section. No Prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the Prize should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March 1993. Brief preliminary proposals should be submitted to the Dean by 31 January 1993.

Laughlin Prize

This Prize was awarded to the College in 1979 by Dr Henry P. Laughlin, founder and first President of the

American College of Psychiatrists. Dr Laughlin was elected Corresponding Member of the RMPA in 1961 and Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1976. He has always been a warm friend of British psychiatry and has attended a number of Annual Meetings.

The Prize is awarded to the candidate(s) who obtains the highest marks and the best recommendation from the Examiners in the MRCPsych Examinations. The Prize is awarded twice a year after the Spring and Autumn Examinations and its value is currently £250.

Lilly Travelling Fellowship

This Fellowship, value £7,750, is open to Members of the College working in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland who are of senior registrar or lecturer grade or equivalent, or are consultants within three years of their first consultant appointment.

The award is intended to cover expenses for travel abroad, to one or two centres, for a period of not less than three months, in pursuit of further study, research or clinical training relevant to the applicant's current interests. Applicants should include a *curriculum vitae*, a statement of current interests and planned study abroad, with supporting statements from the proposed host centre and the names of two referees; and confirmation from the applicant's employing authority that study leave would be granted if the applicant was successful.

Applications should be sent to the Dean of the College by 30 April 1993.

Morris Markowe Public Education Prize

This Prize was established in 1989 from funds donated in memory of the late Dr Morris Markowe, Honorary Fellow, and Registrar of the Royal College of Psychiatrists from 1972–8.

The Public Education Prize will be awarded annually for an article on a psychiatric topic of approximately 1000 words, suitable for publication in a regional newspaper, lay journal, the paramedical

press or a general practitioners' magazine. At the time of submission, the article(s) submitted must not have been published previously.

Entries will be judged for topicality and newsworthiness by designated members of the College's Public Education Committee, and a Prize of £200 will be awarded for the successful entry.

The Prize may only be awarded to Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant or equivalent at the time the entry is submitted. Entries for the Prize should be submitted to Professor B. Pitt, Public Education Officer, at the College, by 1 May of each year.

Philip Davis Prize in Old Age Psychiatry

The Prize was established in 1991 and derives from the estate of the late Dr Philip R. H. Davis, a Member of the College for over 40 years and, at the time of his death, consultant psychiatrist in the Reading Hospitals Group.

The Philip Davis Prize (value £300) is awarded annually under the auspices of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, for an essay of between 4,000 and 6,000 words on a broadly-based clinical topic relating to the care of the elderly mentally ill.

The Prize may only be awarded to Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist or the equivalent at the time the essay is submitted. Each application should be accompanied by a concise *curriculum vitae*.

In line with Dr Davis' wishes, attention will be given by the examiners to the literacy of the submissions.

Recipients of the Prize may be invited to present a report at a Scientific Meeting of the Specialist Section for Old Age Psychiatry.

The examiners for the Prize will be the Dean and two assessors appointed by the Old Age Psychiatry Section. No Prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the Prize should be submitted to the Dean by 30 April 1993.

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