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College Prizes, Medals and Travelling Fellowships

Gaskell Medal and Prize

This is considered to be one of the foremost academic distinctions in psychiatry. The value of the Prize is £500, and is awarded on the results of an annual examination, which will be held next in June 1986. Candidates should be qualified medical officers with a minimum of two years' service in mental hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the British Commonwealth; they should be between 23 and 35 years of age and possess the MRCPsych or any other degree or diploma in psychological medicine.

Application forms are obtainable from the Education Department at the College and should be completed and returned not later than 31 March 1986, enclosing an entry fee of £5.00, which is returnable to *bona fide* candidates.

Laughlin Prize

This Prize is awarded twice a year to the candidate who obtains the highest mark and the best recommendation from the Examiners in the Membership Examination. The value of the Prize is currently £50.

Research Prize and Bronze Medal

Entry for the Research Prize (value £500) is open to Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist. The research should be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation, with tables or figures, may incorporate previously published work and may involve collaboration with other workers, provided that this is clearly indicated and attributed. Entries should be sent to the Dean of the College by 31 March 1986.

Peter Scott Memorial Scholarship

An award of up to £1000 is made biennially to members of the medical profession or medical students wishing to

further their studies in the field of forensic psychiatry or delinquency. Application forms are available from the Education Department and should specify the proposed activity to be funded—research, travel to other centres, writing, etc. The closing date for return of completed forms is 31 March 1986.

Natalie Cobbing Travelling Fellowship

A biennial award of £2000, for travel to centres overseas, is available to further the training of specialists in the psychiatry of mental handicap. Applicants must possess the MRCPsych, be under the age of 40 and of senior registrar or consultant status (the latter within three years of appointment) working in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. They should submit a curriculum vitae; the names of two referees; a proposal as to how their time abroad will be spent, together with confirmation if possible from the host centres; and an account of original research, published or unpublished papers or reviews in the field of mental handicap or psychiatry. The closing date for application is 31 March 1986.

Squibb Travelling Fellowship

The Fellowship, value £5000, is awarded for travel abroad to one or two centres, and is open to Members of the College working in the UK or the Republic of Ireland of senior registrar or lecturer grade, or consultants within the first three years of their appointment. Applications, stating nature of study abroad, with confirmation from the host centre(s), should be sent to the Dean of the College by 30 April 1986. (Full details of the Fellowship appeared in the *Bulletin*, January 1986, **10**, 13.)

Further details of all Prizes and Fellowships are obtainable from the Education Department at the College.

Exemption from Part II of the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

At a recent meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, it was agreed that some qualifications be recognised which would give exemption from Part II of the

examination under By-law 18. One of the qualifications is the Membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.