

## Sponsorship of College Activities

### Guidelines

- (1) Sponsorship should be used to improve the quality of scientific activities and should not be used for hospitality and social events. Sponsorship might be used for speakers' expenses, hiring of premises, printing and circulating programmes, provision of visual aids etc.
- (2) Approaches to or from potential sponsors, whether they be pharmaceutical companies or other commercial organisations, should be negotiated only by Officers of the College or the Secretary acting on their behalf. This includes Officers of Divisions, Sections, Standing and Special Committees.
- (3) All financial transactions should be handled by the Finance Department. This will ensure that Sections and Divisions receive the benefits of the College's charitable status. The Finance Department will produce detailed accounts of any meeting on request.
- (4) Appropriate acknowledgement of the source of sponsorship may appear on the notice of any meeting so sponsored.
- (5) Acceptance of sponsorship by the College should never be represented by the sponsor as an endorsement of its products.
- (6) When meetings are held in hospitals all arrangements, including the choice of speakers, should remain under the control of the doctor organising the meeting.
- (7) When a commercial company organises its own meeting and invites speakers, subsidises participants' expenses or provides hospitality, the College's name must not be used or acknowledged. It is acceptable for speakers who are office-holders to be described as such at educational meetings.
- (8) Every effort should be made to select suitable titles for named lectures. The use of the name of a commercial organisation should be avoided if at all possible.
- (9) The help of industry and, in particular, the pharmaceutical industry in supporting medical education activities is understood and appreciated. The overriding consideration where the College is concerned is that the choice of the scientific programme and the level of hospitality and advertising should be controlled by College officials.

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## 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, after whom Gaskell House in Manchester is also named.

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 1991. 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 Divisional 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 for this Prize 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 be awarded only to Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist or equivalent at the time the research is submitted to the Royal College. 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 to 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.

### *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 College 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 who obtains the highest marks and the best recommendation from the Examiners in the Membership Examination. The Prize is awarded twice a year after the Spring and Autumn Examinations and its value is currently £250.

### *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, and to promote progress in adolescent psychiatry.

The Gillian Page Prize is awarded biennially under the auspices of the Royal College 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 disciplines, may be submitted, but the Prize may be shared between no more than two eligible psychiatrists. In each instance where collaborative work is submitted there 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 into the essay or dissertation.

Recipients of the Prize may be invited to present a report at a Scientific Meeting of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Specialist Section.

The Examiners for the Gillian Page Research 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 1991.

### *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 1991.

### *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 1972–78.

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 practitioner's 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 psychiatrist 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.

### *Woodford-Williams Prize*

Dr Eluned Woodford-Williams, CBE, was a pioneer of British geriatrics, and in recognition of her services to psychiatry both in that capacity and as Director of

the Health Advisory Service, the College elected her a Member and later a Fellow. She was an enthusiastic member of the Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age until her death in 1984 and this Prize derives from the bequest which she made to the College.

A Prize (value £300) is offered every three years commencing in 1988 for research in the prevention of dementia. The research should be within the broad heading of the prevention of dementia. It is noted that the wider aspects of prevention (including primary, secondary and tertiary prevention) give a range of possible topics.

Applicants for the Prize must be Members of, or Associates with, the College\*. 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 a summary of their proposed submission between 200 and 500 words for approval by the Examiners at an early stage to ensure that it falls within the scope of the award.

The research may be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation or as an account of recently published work in the field. Submissions, which may include figures and tables, should be between 10,000 and 30,000 words. A concise curriculum vitae, together with a list of any appropriate publications, should accompany each application.

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

The Examiners of the Woodford-Williams Prize will be the Dean, the Chairman of the Research Committee and two assessors nominated 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 before 31 March 1991. Preliminary proposals should be submitted to the Dean by 31 January 1991.

\*"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".

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