



## WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

### APOTHECARIES' PRIZE

#### General

The Society of Apothecaries invites applications for the award of the Apothecaries' Prize for 2018.

#### Origin of the prize

To mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter by King James I in 1617, the Society of Apothecaries has established an appeal fund for making grants in three areas. One of these is the support of the newly established Apothecaries' Prize. (The others are support for student electives, and – reflecting the Society's heraldic crest - for the wildlife charity Save the Rhino.) 2018 will be the first year in which the prize is awarded.

#### Criteria for candidates

The Prize is aimed at doctors at pre-consultant level, i.e. in the last one or two years of training, or, in pharmacy training, those at practising at Advanced Stage II of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Faculty or similar. Candidates will normally be in a specialist registrar training programme. Evidence of this should be provided; alternatively a letter from the candidate's clinical/educational supervisor or equivalent confirming his/her status can be provided.

#### Submission

Entry for the Prize will consist of the submission of:

- a published paper in medical therapeutics or public health medicine. The topic may be in any specialist medical, surgical, psychiatric, public health or pharmaceutical field. It may be clinical or scientific, but should relate to therapy or public health. The applicant should be first, last or principal author on the paper. The paper should have been published within the preceding two years.
- a statement by the candidate outlining the significance of the paper and their contribution to it.
- a written independent peer review, solicited by the applicant, indicating the quality and importance of the paper.
- evidence of candidate's stage of career.
- a statement by a sponsor confirming the significance of the paper and the candidate's contribution to it. The sponsor could be the candidate's supervisor or another senior colleague.

#### Selection

The winner will be selected by the 400<sup>th</sup> Committee (or a subcommittee thereof) according to the following criteria/evidence:

- Quality of the paper.
- Quality of the journal, including impact factor.
- Peer review.
- Candidate's statement, and comparison of this with peer review.
- Sponsor's statement.
- Overall judgement by the committee as to the significance of the paper.

#### Prize

The winner will receive a medal and a cheque for £1,000, to be given at the subsequent Galen Award Ceremony which takes place annually in May.



### Timetable

- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017: Applications close
- November 2017: Selection committee sits
- Early December 2017: Candidates informed of the result.
- Mid May 2018: Medal and cheque presented at Galen Award Ceremony. This event represents the most important point in the Society's academic year. It includes the award of the Galen and Farr medals to distinguished researchers in the fields of therapeutics and medical care for the elderly respectively. The ceremony is followed by a white tie dinner in the Great Hall. It is attended by senior medical representatives, including Presidents of the Royal Colleges and heads of other major medical organisations.

We look forward to receiving your application; please submit an initial application [here](#).

If you have any questions please contact:

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