

**THE ROYAL COLLEGE  
OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS  
and  
THE WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES  
OF LONDON**



**THE ROSE PRIZE**

*to be awarded for original work in the history of general practice in the British Isles*

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIZE**

- ❖ The prize commemorates William Rose, a late 17<sup>th</sup> century apothecary, whose court case of 1701-4 established the legal foundation of General Practice in England and Wales, and Fraser Rose, co-founder of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).
- ❖ The prize, is awarded biennially and has been funded jointly by The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London and the RCGP.
- ❖ The object of the prize is to stimulate interest and increase knowledge of the History of General Practice in the British Isles.
- ❖ Submissions must be original works on a historical aspect of general practice in the British Isles. Work which has been published elsewhere or undertaken as part of another piece of work is eligible but it should be submitted in a format appropriate to the prize and identified as based upon previous work
- ❖ A wide variety of topics is encouraged which could, for example, explore the spread or influence of British general practice abroad or focus on a particular General Practitioner. Details of previous winning submissions are included on both organisations' websites. The term 'history' does not necessarily imply 'old' history and can have a more modern aspect.
- ❖ Memoirs and posthumous writings are eligible for the award.
- ❖ Applications must be submitted in an academic format (further details below) and be of a standard suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The winner(s) will be encouraged to submit their submission for publication according to the relevant Editor's final decision.
- ❖ The successful applicant(s) will be awarded an elegant silver rose bowl with its plinth suitably inscribed, which they will keep for two years. They will also receive a certificate bearing the Coats of Arms of both organisations and a prize of £200.
- ❖ 'Highly commended' certificates will be awarded to those applicants meeting the required standard, including one for the best submission by a medical student.

The prize will be awarded at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries on 16 June 2021, which will be the Flavell lecture, and will include an invitation to the dinner

## ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ The prize is open to all who have an interest in primary healthcare. Individuals or teams of applicants are welcome to apply. A team that applies should list individual contributors when submitting an application with one lead author/analyst who will be nominated to collect the prize on behalf of the team. Team members may attend the ceremony at their own cost.
- ❖ Applicants must confirm their eligibility and the suitability of the subject with the Faculty Manager (details below) who will consult as necessary with the Rose Prize Committee.
- ❖ Any sponsorship must be declared and approved as acceptable.

## SUBMISSIONS

- ❖ The work must be original and written specifically for the Rose prize. This could be derived from previous work provided this is based on an aspect of general practice in the British Isles and the previous work identified. It must be written in English, with emphasis on primary sources. The work may be in any medium including, for example, typewritten, audio-visual, electronic, databases, oral history and radio programmes, providing that they contain a significant element of historical interpretation and demonstrate in-depth research and intellectual rigour comparable to a written submission.
- ❖ Written submissions should normally be between 3,000-6,000 words long. They should be typed, in double spacing, appropriately illustrated and suitably bound. The word length excludes references, tables, figures, captions and bibliography; however, it does include footnotes and endnotes. Submissions should be fully referenced. Indexing is optional and does not count towards the word-length.
- ❖ Static submissions, for example museum displays, will be considered; however, in such cases the applicant must submit a video with sound accompaniment and a short written report of between 1,000-2,000 words.
- ❖ Quotation from any sources including the internet is acceptable only when quote marks are used to indicate their full extent, and full citation(s) given in the references. Plagiarism is not acceptable and when detected, perhaps with suitable software, the Rose Prize Committee reserves the right to disqualify the submission.
- ❖ Copyright will remain with the author. If the submission is subsequently published, it must make reference to the Rose Prize awarded jointly by the RCGP and the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

- ❖ Three copies of written and audio-visual submissions are required. Following adjudication, the adjudicators will decide whether copies of each application will be kept in both organisations to retain in their archive or libraries. The third copy will be returned to the applicant.
- ❖ In the case of museum displays or similar, three sets of photographs of the objects and collective display would also be required for both organisations' archives and libraries.
- ❖ Submissions must be accompanied by (1) a signed disclaimer to certify the originality of the work and the eligibility of the applicant(s) and, if applicable (2) a letter confirming joint responsibility. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply.
- ❖ The closing date for applications is 31 March 2021, and the ninth Rose Prize will be awarded on 16 June 2021.
- ❖ All applications will be acknowledged.

ADJUDICATION

- ❖ The prize will be adjudicated by three examiners, one from The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, one from the RCGP and one independent professional historian.
- ❖ All applicants will be notified of the result of the competition by post or email by end-May 2021.
- ❖ The examiners' decision will be final and correspondence cannot be entered into regarding the result of the competition.
- ❖ The prize will not be awarded if there is not a submission judged to be of sufficient merit.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION OF INTEREST CONTACT:

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