



WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

FARR MEDAL: GUIDANCE FOR NOMINATING INSTITUTIONS

2023-2024

General

The Society of Apothecaries invites nominations for the Farr Medal for 2023-2024.

Origin of the prize

The Farr medal is one of the Society's most prestigious honours and is presented alongside the premier award of the Society, the Galen Medal each year. It was first awarded in 2006. The William Farr Medal is awarded to medical practitioners who have made a particularly significant contribution to the management of elderly people as part of their clinical or research work in the United Kingdom. The Society wishes to acknowledge innovations in the care of the elderly and particularly encourages the nomination of those in the middle of their career.

Previous Winners

I attach a list of the previous prize winners (Annex A). From this you will see that the awardee for 2024 will join a list of outstanding figures who between them, with their varied contributions and backgrounds, have improved the lives of many elderly people in the UK and around the world.

Nominations

On behalf of the Society, I welcome nominations for the 2024 medal from the broadest field and very much hope to hear from you.

Submission

To present nominees in the best way and, in so doing, help the Society assess them fully and fairly, I would be grateful if you could submit your nominations (and any associated documentation) electronically using this link: <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/vGHSJH>

You will be asked to provide:

1. Name (including post-nominals) and current position of nominee
2. Contact details for nominee
3. Citation (1-2 sentence summary citation of the ground for the award e.g. "for contributions to...").
4. Brief biography or short CV of the nominee (not more than 3 pages if the latter) .
5. Statement of the key contributions of the nominee that form the main case for the award (to include both the nature of the contribution and its impact on health etc) (not more than 1 side of paper).
6. Up to 5 publications that help to substantiate the case for the award (please wherever possible send these publications as supporting materials – either as links or pdfs).
7. At least 2 letters of support from people qualified to assess the nature of the contributions of the nominee (these letters should disclose the nature of any work or other relationship between the supporter and nominee).
8. Contact details of the lead person coordinating the nomination.



Selection

The Farr Medallist will be selected by the Medal Committee (or a subcommittee thereof)

Prize

The Farr Medal will be awarded the Society's Galen & Farr Awards Ceremony, which takes place annually in May.

Timetable

- May 2023: Applications open
- Sunday, 25th June 2023 23:59 GMT: Applications close
- July 2023: Selection committee sits and selects a winner. A suitable person to give the citation is also sought.
- August 2023: Court (Society's Board of Trustees) meets to confirm the selection of the Medal Committee. Candidates and nominators informed of the result.
- December 2023: Press release of Galen & Farr Medal winners.
- Thursday, 23rd May 2024: Medal presented at Society's 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, as well as the awarding of the Surgeon-General's Prize for Excellence in Military Medical Support to Crisis and the Apothecaries' Prize for research by a Junior Doctor. 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.

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