



Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

The Apothecaries' Prize 2025-26

General

The Society of Apothecaries invites applications for the award of the Apothecaries' Prize for 2025-2026.

Origin of the prize

To mark the 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter by King James I in 1617, the Society of Apothecaries established an appeal fund for making grants in three areas. One of these was the support of the newly established Apothecaries' Prize.

Criteria for candidates

The Prize is aimed at doctors eligible for a consultant post in the UK within the next 3 years or, in pharmacy training, those practising at Advanced Stage II of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Faculty or similar. Medical 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. Please note that the Committee is unable to re-consider a paper that has been submitted for the Apothecaries Prize in a previous year.

Submission

Entry for the Prize will consist of the electronic submission of:

1. 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. The paper may be in press; if so, evidence should be submitted that this is the case.
2. A statement by the candidate outlining the significance of the paper and his/her contribution to it.
3. A written independent peer review, solicited by the applicant, indicating the quality and importance of the paper. The reviewer should not work in the same institution as the applicant.
4. 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.
5. Evidence of the candidate's stage of career.
6. A *curriculum vitae* (max. 2 sides of A4 to focus on publications and, if applicable, grants).

Selection

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

- Quality of the paper.

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- Peer review (500 word limit)
- Candidate's statement, and comparison of this with the peer review (350 word limit).
- Sponsor's statement. (500 word limit)
- Overall judgement by the committee as to the significance of the paper.
- Their overall body of work as outlined in the CV

Prize

The winner will receive a medal and a cheque for £1,000, to be given at the Society's subsequent Award Ceremony which takes place annually in May. Depending on the quality of applications a certificate may be awarded to the runner up.

Timetable

- Friday 9 May 2025: Applications open
- Sunday 19 October 2025 23:59 GMT: Applications close
- November/December 2025: Selection committee sits
- December 2025: Candidates informed of the result
- Thursday 21 May 2026: 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. 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.

How to Apply

Applications for the 2025-2026 Apothecaries' Prize will open in May 2025.

If you have any questions please contact: deputyclerk@apothecaries.org