



## RCGP/SAPC ELECTIVE PRIZE Application Criteria

An annual prize of £500 is awarded for the best proposal by a medical student for an elective based in Primary Care/General Practice. The proposal might be to submit a relevant 'think piece', research, improvement, innovation, invention, evaluation or audit.

*Think piece* is a piece of writing meant to be thought provoking and speculative that consists chiefly of background material and personal opinion and analysis.

*Research* asks a clear question, uses scientific methodology and if the resulting evidence is good aims to find new answers.

*Improvement* is doing the same thing better.

*Innovation* uses a new or different idea or method to do something differently and better.

*Invention* creates the new or different idea or method.

*Evaluation* answers the question 'What standard has been achieved?'

*Audit* answers the question 'Was the standard expected achieved?'

### ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA AND HOW TO ENTER

1. An annual prize of £500 is jointly awarded by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC).
2. The RCGP/SAPC Elective Prize is awarded usually in advance of the elective for the submitted elective proposal based on primary care/general practice which is judged, by a panel, to be the best.
3. Application is by submission of the attached form which must include a supporting reference and signature from a medical school supervisor (usually a member of an academic department of general practice/primary care).
4. Completed forms should be sent to [governance@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:governance@rcgp.org.uk) by the end of May each year.
5. Applicants should not attach any supporting documents, CVs etc., as these will not be considered by the adjudicators.
6. The information given on applications will be used solely for the purpose of supporting the objectives of the RCGP in the administration of its awards. All data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
7. Adjudication will be undertaken by representatives from the RCGP and SAPC.
8. The same piece of work can only be awarded one RCGP or SAPC award within a three year period.
9. An award condition is that the winner must submit a final report of the outcome of the proposal of approximately 500 words within 6 months of the completion of the elective.
10. The Prize winner is normally invited to present their report, as a poster presentation, at the Society for Academic Primary Care's Annual Scientific Meeting.
11. Following adjudication of the awards and notification of the results, no further correspondence will be entered into relating to the adjudication process.

[governance@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:governance@rcgp.org.uk)

**Closing date: end of May each year.**

**RCGP/SAPC ELECTIVE PRIZE  
APPLICATION FORM**

**YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Forms can only be accepted in typed format. The information given on these forms will be used solely for the purpose of supporting the objectives of the RCGP in the administration of its Awards.

**FIRST NAME:**

**SURNAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**POST CODE:**

**E-MAIL:**

**TEL NO:**

**PROPOSAL DETAILS**

Please give brief details and expand if necessary in the supporting statement

**TITLE OF PROPOSAL:**

**WHERE WILL YOUR ELECTIVE TAKE PLACE?**

**PROPOSAL OUTLINE** Please give details of your proposal (including rationale, methods, expected outcomes and resources needed. (Limit 250 words)

REF:

<b>EXPECTED STARTING DATE:</b>	<b>DURATION OF STUDY:</b>
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**HOW WILL THIS PROPOSAL BENEFIT EITHER THE UK OR THE AREA YOU ARE VISITING?  
(Limit 100 words)**

**HOW WILL THIS PROPOSAL HELP YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND/OR HELP YOU FOLLOW A CAREER IN GENERAL PRACTICE?  
(Limit 100 words)**

<b>I confirm that if I win, the prize will be used for the purposes of the award only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please indicate here</b>
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**Supporting reference from medical school**  
This reference should normally be provided by a Senior, Lecturer, Reader or Professor in General Practice/Primary Care (or equivalent) at your medical school who has approved your proposal

<b>Name and address of Referee</b>	<b>Name &amp; Post Held</b>	
	<b>POST CODE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
	<b>TEL NO:</b>	

**Supporting comments**

		<b>REF:</b>
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU FIRST HEARD OF THE RCGP/SAPC ELECTIVE PRIZE (THIS INFORMATION HELPS US TO PUBLICISE THE AWARD AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE):-</b>		
<b>RCGP Journal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medical School literature</b> (Please specify)	<b>Through a College Faculty</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Please specify)
<b>Other: (Please specify)</b>		
<b>Would you like to see this elective prize advertised elsewhere?</b> <b>Please specify:-</b>		
<b>Signature of applicant:.....</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Submissions by email to: <a href="mailto:governance@rcgp.org.uk">governance@rcgp.org.uk</a></b>		
<b>Deadline: END OF MAY EACH YEAR</b>		