



THE JOHN STEVENS BIENNIAL AWARD

This Award is in memory of John Stevens, who was a GP in our Faculty. He is remembered by Dr Ian Tait in the following words:

John Stevens had great gifts of leadership. To an awesome commitment to the cause he believed in he added a fine wit, great courage and a really original mind. He was passionate about the survival of the personal doctor and the nurturing of talent in doctors starting in general practice. These are issues that the new awards are intended to address. John's untimely stroke in 1978 robbed us of an inspirational colleague and friend. But perhaps this is a moment to recall that despite that stroke he made a single handed crossing of the Atlantic and half the Pacific hemiplegic and virtually speechless, before his disappearance forced us to accept his death. That feat was indeed an eloquent if tragic demonstration of the quality of the man in whose memory his Faculty has created this award.

lan Tait, July 2002

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Who is eligible?

Are you a GP who has recently passed MRCGP or MAP and do you have a project you wish to pursue but do not have the time or funding? Then the John Stevens Award may be of interest to you. The John Stevens Award will support a General Practitioner who has gained their MRCGP (and MAP) in the past 5 years to pursue any project that is in keeping with the aims of the RCGP. This award is worth up to £2000 and is available to a GP who is working in general practice as a principal or non-principal in the geographical area covered by the East Anglia Faculty (Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire).

How much is the Award worth?

This Award is worth up to £2000.

Are there any geographical conditions?

It is available to a GP who is working in general practice as a principal or non-principal in the geographical area covered by the East Anglia Faculty (Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire).

What is the background?

This Award is in memory of an outstanding GP John Stevens, who was a GP in our Faculty with great gifts of leadership.

This is an excellent opportunity to apply for funding to pursue a project that you otherwise would not have had the opportunity to pursue. For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Annemarie McCarty at the above address:

CLOSING DATE: Closing date: Wednesday 4 September 2024, 12 noon.

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Application Criteria

- 1. The criteria for application are that the applicant:
- Is working in general practice as a principal or non-principal in the geographical area covered by the East Anglia Faculty (Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire).
- Has taken and passed MRCGP or MAP within the last 5 years and is still an RCGP member in good standing.
- Provides a project that is in keeping with the aims of the RCGP and can demonstrate the way in which their project will contribute to these aims.
- 2. Applications must be submitted on the application form; applicants should not attach any supporting documents, CVs etc. as these will not be considered by the adjudicators. Only forms completed throughout in typescript will be accepted.
- 3. Each application should contain a summary of the nature of the intended project (of up to 1,000 words) including the following details:
 - Proposed topic and outline of project (using relevant, up to date references where necessary)
 - Detailed plan and time course of the project
 - · Detailed costings of project

Each award submission is to be supported by two senior colleagues with an interest in the topic of the Submission.

- 4. An electronic copy of the application should be emailed to Annemarie.McCarty@rcqp.org.uk
- 5. Applications will be adjudicated by an Awards Committee consisting of three members of the Faculty Board. Entries will be judged against the following criteria:
- clarity of proposal
- feasibility
- support of colleagues
- > likelihood of leading to other projects
- the relevance of the project to aims of the RCGP
- 6. One award will be made biennially to a maximum aggregate value of £2,000. The exact amounts awarded will be at the discretion of the Awards Committee.
- 7. If in any two year period there are no suitable applications, the award will be held over until the next year.
- 8. The project must have been completed within eighteen months of notification of the Award.
- 9. All arrangements for the project are to be made by the applicant.
- 10. Presentation of the award will be made in two stages: one half will be presented on confirmation of winning the award at the Faculty's AGM in September 2024 and the other half at submission of the final project report at the Faculty's AGM in September 2026 when the winner/s will be expected to make a presentation of their report.
- 11. The final tranche of the award funding will only be released on receipt of a completed project report of between 1500 and 5000 words.
- 12. Following adjudication of the awards and notification to applicants of the result, no further correspondence will be entered into relating to the adjudication process.
- 13. The same piece of work can only be used to apply for one College award within a three year period.