

## **The Dorothy Stopford Price Medal: Research Guidelines**

The Dorothy Stopford Price Medal is a new RCPI Trainee Award recognising excellence in research or audit on vaccination, immunisation or control of infectious diseases and its potential impact on public health.

The medal will be awarded by the Faculty of Public Health Medicine from 2019 onwards to honour this pioneer in infectious disease control in Ireland.

### **Eligible Applicants**

You can apply for the Dorothy Stopford Price Medal if you are registered on a BST or HST programme with RCPI at the time of abstract submission.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Applicants are required to submit an abstract that describes their research project, quality improvement initiative or audit on vaccination, immunisation, or the prevention or control of infectious diseases.

Your abstract must include recommendations for patient safety or the potential of the findings to impact on population health.

The abstract must not exceed 400 words in length. This word count includes numbers. Each submission must include the following headings:

- Title
- Introduction - background and purpose
- Methods - e.g. study design, study population, statistical tests used
- Results - including key statistical data as relevant
- Discussion and conclusions – including recommendations to improve patient safety or the implications of the findings for population health.

*Patient confidentiality must always be observed.*



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### **Scoring System**

A total of 25 marks are available:

- Introduction - Concise background and clear purpose (/5)
- Methods - Clear summary of methods used (/5)
- Results - Key findings, including statistical data where relevant (/5)
- Discussion/conclusions - Outline of the potential to impact on population health (/10)

### **Further Information**

Ensure that no identifiable information is provided within the submission text (e.g. name, RCPI ID number etc.) This information will be requested separately.

The material submitted may be used as an educational and training tool for RCPI trainees and will be available to Members and Fellows of RCPI.

By submitting a research study for competition, trainees are providing consent for the RCPI to use the material as an education training tool.

Applicants, if chosen, must be available to present their research online at the virtual Annual National Education Day for Doctors in Training, which takes place on Friday, 28 May 2020.

A number of abstracts will be selected for online poster presentation on the day. Further information on poster requirements and formatting will be provided for successful applicants.

### **Closing Date**

All submissions must be received by **Tuesday 1 December 2020**.