Award Title:	John Fry - RCGP-SAPC
Opening Date:	12 November 2026
Deadline:	31 January 2027
Prize	A silver medal jointly awarded by the RCGP and Society of Academic Primary Care (SAPC)
Presentation event included?	The award will be presented at an RCGP awards event.
Application submitted via:	Award Force
Nominee member status:	Member or Fellow of the College
Who can nominate:	Applications may be submitted by nomination, including self-nomination, via Award Force.
Nominator Requirements:	Nominators do not need to be Members of the College; however, they should be a Head of Department or a senior researcher who knows the nominee's work.
Specialty Field:	Academia and research
Seconders:	No seconders required.
Declaration of Interest and Probity Forms:	Yes
Criteria review date:	November 2026

RCGP-SAPC John Fry Award

The John Fry Award is an annual award presented by nomination by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), in consultation with the Society of Academic Care (SAPC).

The award honours the contributions of John Fry to research and academic scholarship in general practice. Established in 1995, the first award was presented to Professor Mike Pringle.

The John Fry Award is presented to a Member or Fellow of the College who has promoted the discipline of general practice through research and scholarship. The award is intended to recognise the contribution of a practising GP undertaking impactful research within 10 years of qualification as a GP and not holding a professorial role.

The recipient receives a silver medal, which is normally presented at an RCGP awards event.

ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO ENTER

Nominator requirements

The nomination must include:

1. A supporting statement explaining how the nominee has advanced the discipline of general practice through research and scholarship, and why they should receive the John Fry Award.

2. Evidence of the nominee's contributions to:
- Research
- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Demonstrating values consistent with those of RCGP

3. A copy of the nominee's most significant publication (a web link is preferred where available)

4. A complete list of the nominee's publications

Nominee requirements

To be considered for the John Fry Award, nominees must submit:

1. A personal statement explaining why they wish to be considered for the award.

2. A current CV, including a complete list of publications.

3. A copy of their most significant publication (a web link is preferred where available).

4. A supporting statement from a senior academic who is familiar with their work. The statement should explain how the nominee has advanced the discipline of general practice through research and scholarship, why they should receive the John Fry Award, and describe their contributions to:

- Research
- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Demonstrating values consistent with those of the RCGP

Judging process

1. Nominations must be submitted to the SAPC Awards Committee by the advertised deadline (usually end of January each year)

2. The SAPC Awards Committee appoints a panel of senior primary care academics, including GPs and Primary Health Care Scientists (PHoCuS) members of SAPC Exec and RCGP Fellows (often from RCGP SFB), to review the nominations.

3. Then panel confirms that nominees meet the eligibility criteria and assesses each nomination against the award criteria (as mentioned above).

4. Based on this assessment, the SAPC Awards Committee recommends a recipient to the RCGP Fellowship and Awards Committee.

5. SAPC provides the RCGP with the recommended nominee's supporting documentation, a summary of the reasons for the recommendation, and a list of all nominees.

6. The RCGP Fellowship and Awards Committee reviews the recommendation and makes the final decision.

7. In exceptional circumstances, the RCGP may decide not to accept the SAPC recommendation. If this happens, the RCGP Provost will determine the next step.