GP SPECIALTY TRAINEE AWARDS 2026

The purpose of these awards is to encourage and foster research and enquiry among GPs in training.

The awards recognise original and/or innovative project work undertaken by GP Specialty Training (ST1-ST4), or within one year of completing GP training.

Each award will cover delegate costs to attend the RCGP Annual Primary Care Conference in Wales in October 2027 (dates to be confirmed).

ELIGIBILITY, AND CRITERIA AND HOW TO ENTER

1. The RCGP GP Specialty Trainee Awards are open to any GP Trainee in the UK who is currently undertaking GP Specialty or who has completed their training within one year of the application date.
2. The award recognises original and innovative projects that contribute, directly or indirectly, to improving the quality of care for patients. While originality and innovation are encouraged, a wide range of work is eligible for submission. This may include projects undertaken as part of a trainee's e-portfolio, such as audits, quality improvement projects, educational initiatives and practice developments.
3. Projects must have been undertaken during GP Specialty Training in the United Kingdom.
4. Applications must be submitted electronically, as detailed below. Submissions should be concise and should not normally exceed 3,500 words.
5. The College is committed to recognising work undertaken by individuals during GP Specialty Training. Applicants will be asked to indicate the extent to which others contributed to their project. Applicants are encouraged to seek advice and/or guidance relevant to their project from their educational supervisors, training programme directors, or other RCGP members or fellows.

How to enter

1. Applications should be submitted via the RCGP Awards Portal by 26 February 2027.
2. Section 1 should contain information about the applicant, while Section 2 should contain the completed submission. The application form provides guidance on the information that should be included in the submission.
3. Applicants must provide details of two seconders, both of whom must be Members of the RCGP.
4. The GMC number of each seconder must be provided as part of the application.
5. Applicants should ensure that Section 2, relating to their project, can be easily anonymised prior to judging.
6. Applications will be anonymised before being assessed by a panel appointed by the RCGP, including adjudication with extensive experience of specialty training.
7. Up to five awards are available in 2026, each consisting of:

- Delegate costs to attend the RCGP Annual Primary Care Conference in Wales, taking place in October 2027 (dates to be confirmed).

9. The applicant whose submission receives the highest overall mark will be awarded the "Bill Styles Award".
10. If, in any given year, there are insufficient suitable applications, some or all of the awards may be withheld.
11. The same piece of work may only receive one RCGP award or prize. This includes faculty awards and prizes.
12. Information provided in applications will be used solely for the purpose of administering the RCGP awards.
13. Following adjudication and notification of the outcome to applicants, no further correspondence will be entered into regarding the adjudication process.

GP Specialty Trainee Awards 2026 Application Form
Submit by 26 February 2027

Please complete all sections of this application form. In Section 2, which details your project, please avoid including any information that could identify you. This will enable us to anonymise submissions before sharing them with the judging panel.

Section 1 – About you

PERSONAL DETAILS

FIRST NAME:		
SURNAME:		
ADDRESS:		
		POSTCODE:
TEL NO:	**EMAIL:**	

DATES OF GP TRAINING:

(The RCGP GP Specialty Trainee Awards are open to any GP trainees currently undertaking specialty training in the UK, or those who completed their training within one year of the application date.)

SUBMISSION FOR THE AWARD

NAME OF YOUR GP TRAINING SCHEME:		
	TRAINING SCHEME TELEPHONE NO:	**CONTACT EMAIL:**
Please tick one of the following statements:	a) I confirm that all the work submitted for the RCGP GP Specialty Trainee Awards has been carried out by me.	☐
	b) The work submitted for the RCGP GP Specialty Trainee Awards has been carried out in collaboration with others.	☐
Please provide details:		

If you have applied for or been awarded funding to attend the RCGP Annual Primary Care Conference from another source, please provide details of the funding source and the amount requested or awarded (e.g., registration fees, accommodation or other expenses).

Applying for funding from another source will not prejudice your application. However, duplicate funding for the same expenses cannot be received if more than one application is successful.

Signature of Trainer (can be copied and pasted below)

Name of Trainer .....

Date: .....

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

Please select one of the following statements: a) I declare that I do not have any pending or upheld formal complaints, breaches of service, litigation, referrals to the General Medical Council (GMC), or similar matters. I also confirm that I have no previous referrals to the GMC, whether or not these were upheld. If any such circumstances arise or change prior to the award being made, I undertake to inform the College promptly. **OR** b) I wish to contact the Provost inc onfidence to discuss any such complaint, breach of terms of service, litigation, referral or similar matter. Signature of Applicant: (Please type your name below) Name: ..... Date:	□ □

Check List: ✓

1. Applicant Declaration form signed by Applicant □
2. Applicant Declaration form signed by Trainer □

Section 2: Your Report on the Project

You are encouraged to structure and present your work using the relevant guidance provided by the British Journal of General Practice (BJGP):

- **Writing for BJGP:** Research
- **Writing for BJGP:** Other Sections

Your report should be concise and should not normally exceed 3,500 words.

Where relevant, your report should address the following areas:

Project background and aims

- What was the subject and purpose of the project?
- What were you hoping to achieve, and why did you choose this project?
- What was already known about this subject?

Methods and approach

- How did you gather, appraise and interpret the information relevant to your project?
- What did you do, and how did you approach the project?
- How did you determine what success would look like?
- What were your success criteria?

Outcomes and reflection

- What were the outcomes of the project? To what extent did you achieve your aims?
- What challenges or problems did you encounter, and how did you address them?
- What did you learn from undertaking the project?
- What would you do differently in the future?

Supporting information

- Please include any relevant appendices, such as questionnaires, PowerPoint presentations, supporting documents or web links.
- Please include a list of references used.
- Please acknowledge anyone who contributed to or supported the project, outlining their involvement where appropriate.

Deadline: 26 February 2027