Award Title:	William Pickles Lecture
Opening Date:	12 November 2026
Deadline:	31 January 2027
Nature of Recognition and Prize:	A silver medal is awarded. The successful nominee will be invited to deliver the William Pickles Lecture, which takes place every four years, rotating with the College's two other lectures. The next lecture is due to take place in 2028.
Presentation event included?	The lecture will be delivered at an RCGP awards event, most likely the Annual Conference in October.
Application submitted via:	Award Force
Nominee member status:	Nominees must be Members of the College or established GPs or Later Career and Retired Members (LCARM) in good standing.
Who can nominate:	Nominations may be submitted by peers, by the Provost, or by the RCGP Fellowship and Awards Committee. Self-nominations are not permitted.
Nominator Requirements:	The nominator or seconder must be a peer or expert in the relevant field. Either the nominator or seconder must also be a Full Member of the College.
Seconders:	Two are required. **GMC number:** Please provide the GMC number where applicable.
Declaration of Interest and Probity Forms:	Yes
Criteria review date:	November 2026

How to apply

To ensure fairness, consistency and parity with the selection process for Annual Conference plenary speakers, nominations for the William Pickles Lecture will follow a similar sifting and scoring process, adapted to reflect the nature and purpose of the lecture.

1. **Nominations**

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations must be made by a peer or recognised expert within the relevant field.
- All nominations must be submitted via Award Force.

2. **Supporting evidence**

Nominations must include a rationale for the proposed speaker, explaining why they would be suitable to deliver the William Pickles Lecture and their relevance to the proposed topic.
All supporting evidence should demonstrate the nominee's:

- Expert knowledge and proven expertise in the proposed subject area.
- Previous speaking experience.
- Ability to deliver engaging, dynamic and thought-provoking presentations.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a broad audience and consider the diverse interests of College members and conference attendees.

Examples of supporting evidence may include:

- Details of previous speaking engagements and lectures.
- Social media activity and online contributions, including videos and podcasts.
- Relevant publications, articles and presentations, in print or digital formats.
- Reviews, testimonials or feedback from previous speaking engagements.
- A biography or professional profile summarising relevant experience and credentials.
- Evidence of professional standing and expertise, including qualifications, citations and relevant online profiles (e.g. LinkedIn).
- A clear rationale explaining why the nominee would be an appropriate and valuable speaker for the William Pickles Lecture.

3. **Assessment and selection**

Nominations will be reviewed and scored by a judging panel using an agreed scoring framework.
Completed scoring sheets will be collated, and nominees receiving the highest scores will be put forward to the Finance and Audit Committee (F&A) for final consideration and approval.

For any questions or queries, please get in touch at awards@rcgp.org.uk