



EAST ANGLIA



THE ANNUAL CAROLE BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD

Who is eligible?

- ♦ Must be a General Practitioner[s] or Primary Health Care Professional [s].
- ♦ Must live and practise in the geographical area covered by the East Anglia Faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners (Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire).
- ♦ Must be expecting to remain in the Faculty area for the likely future.
- ♦ Specifically, must be able to demonstrate an interest in the fields of family planning, reproductive health, the menopause, older women's health or psychosexual medicine.

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 Carole Brown, who was a GP in our Faculty with great gifts of leadership.

Awards will be made to support outstanding, new initiatives or activities in the fields of family planning, reproductive and older women's health within the area of the Faculty. These may be of an educational, or a research or a developmental nature relating to general practice, primary care or the aims and objectives of the Faculty. Any topic in the above fields relevant to patient care and of sufficient merit in the opinion of the Faculty will be eligible to receive support from the fund. Applications may be made by an individual GP or by a group in primary or community care which includes a general practitioner.

This is an excellent opportunity to apply for funding to follow 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: Monday 5 January 2026, 12 noon

Email Annemarie.McCarty@rcgp.org.uk

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Nomination Criteria

1. **The nominee:**

- ◆ Must be a General Practitioner[s] or Primary Health Care Professional [s].
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2. The nomination should show that the Award will be spent to further some aspect of the nominee's work, initiatives or innovations in the specified field, and should explain how the application of the prize will produce added value in one or more of the fields relating to ***the practice of Family Planning, of reproductive health care including psychosexual medicine, the menopause and older women's health***. This could include initiatives in continuing professional development [including e-learning], staff training or 'time out' for further education, innovative patient resource materials, a component of a research project or to quality assure and enhance an innovative development.

3. Nominations must be submitted on the relevant East Anglia Faculty form. Only forms completed throughout in typescript will be accepted.

4. Each award submission is to be supported by two nominees giving name and contact details who can verify the track record of the nominee's achievements and any new or on-going work in the relevant fields. In the case of an individual it should include the nominee's CV. A Member, Fellow or Associate member of the RCGP within the East Anglia Faculty, including District Faculty representatives or other member of the Faculty Board may act as a nominator. A member of a practice or primary care team within the East Anglia Faculty area may also act as one of the nominators but not more than one nominator should be from the same practice as the nominee.

5. Nominators may consult the nominee[s] to verify details of their work and achievements before a submission.

6. An electronic copy of the nomination should be emailed to Annemarie.McCarty@rcgp.org.uk

7. Nominations will be adjudicated by two independent assessors, who will then shortlist based on the 'top three' which they will rank. A third assessor will then rank the top three nominations or moderate the previous markers. The nominations will be judged for:

- Eligibility
- Track record of achievement
- Quality of any new or on going work with which the nominee is involved
- Potential benefits for practice in the relevant fields as well as self
- Compatibility with the intention of the bequest 'for work which through inspiration innovation or energy has furthered the practice of family planning and reproductive health care including the menopause and psychosexual medicine in any way in general practice within the East Anglia Faculty'.

[Where two or more nominations are considered to be of equal quality, consideration will be given to providing more than one Award, the amounts to be determined by the Faculty].

8. **Commitment if the award is accepted:**

The successful prize winner(s) must agree to

- Endeavour to attend a specified event to be awarded the prize
- Give a full report to the Faculty of how the award money was used
- Offer evidence of expenditure against the award if requested for audit purposes [within the terms of the RCGP as a Charity].

9. Awards will normally be made annually and to a maximum aggregate value of £2,000. In very exceptional circumstances, at the East Anglia Faculty's discretion, the Award may be made more frequently than annually or for an enhanced amount. If in any one year period there are no suitable

nominations, the award will be held over until the next year.

10. Following the adjudication process, the judgement of the Faculty panel in relation to any nomination will be final. Correspondence and appeals cannot be entered into, but reapplications are acceptable.

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For further details and a nomination form please contact:

Mrs Annemarie McCarty, Administrator, East Anglia Faculty RCGP

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