

The Royal College of Pathologists' Gold and Research Medals Application and selection process

To apply for the award medal, you must submit the following:

- A completed application form and a photograph (for publication alongside the article).
- A single research paper.

The application form

You are asked to provide the following on the application form:

- Key details of your CV to allow conflicts of interest to be identified.
- A description in lay terms of why your submitted paper is so important (max. 100 words).
- A short summary of the main research findings and why they are important to the pathological and wider community (max. 500 words). This may be published in *The Bulletin* if you win a Specialty or Gold medal, and may be used for publication relating to the award-winning articles.
- Written confirmation from your research supervisor regarding your research role/duties. The research supervisor must comment on the candidate's contribution to the research and the importance of the contribution.

Application submission

Please submit your completed application to Michelle Dominique michelle.dominique@rcpath.org

The deadline for applications is **5pm Thursday 5 July 2018**.

Eligibility criteria

- The research for the submitted paper needs to have been undertaken whilst the candidate was registered as a trainee and not before they undertook their training.
- Work undertaken during the period of specialist training, including out of programme, would be eligible.
- In the category of smaller specialties, trainees may not be registered by the College. Anyone who is registered with a UK Regulatory Council may apply for this award and evidence of registration with a Regulatory Council should be provided with the application.

Selection process

- A panel of appropriately qualified College Fellows will select medal winners in each of the five categories. The members of the College's Research Committee will then vote on the best scientific/medical paper from the chosen five, which is then awarded the Gold Medal.
- The final decision will be ratified during a full meeting of the College's Research Committee.
- If one of the applications features a paper from the same institution as a specialty research lead on the Research Committee (or if there are any other conflicts of interest), the committee member will withdraw from the review proceedings and another committee member will review the paper.
- The medals will be presented to successful candidates at a College ceremony.