

Royal College of Psychiatrists  
**SECTION OF NEUROPSYCHIATRY (SoN)**

**TRAINEE AWARD**

The Section of Neuropsychiatry (SoN) has established an annual award for trainees. This award is given for the best original research, audit, literature review or clinically focused essay in the field of neuropsychiatry.

**Aim:** To promote the highest standards of critical thinking and communication by psychiatry trainees in the field of neuropsychiatry.

**Prize:** £500 and a certificate

**Frequency:** Annual

**Eligible:** The Award is open to all Psychiatry trainees (CT1-3 and ST4-6) working in the United Kingdom. Any trainee can win this prize only once during their career.

**Where presented:** Work presented at SoN Annual Meeting, September each year and winner announced during the SoN Annual Meeting as well. Prize and certificate will be posted after the conference.

**Regulations:**

Applications for the award will be invited at least four months before the annual AGM of SoN.

- I. The spirit of the award is to recognise the excellence of the trainee's work. The award is intended for those who have taken the lead in the work that has resulted in the submission, as well as for the submission itself.
- II. In the first stage, the judges will independently rate all submissions and shortlist a maximum of 3 potential candidates for the award by weighing the merits of each submission.
- III. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their work during the SoN annual conference.
- IV. The judging panel will individually mark the candidates' presentations and will subsequently meet to decide the winner.
- V. The award-winner will be announced during the annual conference.
- VI. The award-winner will be expected to provide a summary article for the SoN newsletter. Work may later on be submitted for publication to a Journal.
- VII. In the absence of a suitable application, SoN may decide not to give the award at all for that year.

VIII. The decision of the SoN judges will be final and binding on all concerned. No appeals will be allowed.

**Application procedure:**

1. Candidates are asked to submit a covering letter application by email explaining clearly in maximum 300 words the reason for their application and its suitability for this award. They should clearly specify their role in any collaborative projects.
2. Along with this they should submit a description of a research or audit project, a review article or an essay. The total length excluding references should not exceed 5000 words.
3. The application should be accompanied by a letter from their educational / research supervisor supporting their application and highlighting the trainee's contribution to the project.
4. Failure to follow the procedure will automatically disqualify the candidate and no resubmissions will be allowed for that year.

**Closing date:** end of June each year

**Submissions to:** Vice-Chair, Section of Neuropsychiatry  
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