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## Rules for Entry for RCPsych Awards 2026

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1. Entries must be submitted through the online nominations forms. No supplementary materials will be accepted.
2. All nominations will be treated as confidential. However, the College reserves the right to publish extracts from the entry summaries submitted. Information supplied in the supporting material will remain confidential.
3. No charge will be made for entries for the Awards. Details of the Awards Ceremony and information on how to obtain tickets will follow in due course.
4. Please note that if you are nominating someone other than yourself, the nominee must have given their permission to be nominated prior to the entry being submitted.
5. All individual nominees must complete a good standing form which will be automatically emailed to them upon the closing date for nominations.
6. All nominations must have the approval of a senior member of the nominee's organisation. The requirements for approval will be specified on the nomination form. Details must be provided of a suitable supporter, and they will be automatically emailed a copy of the nomination form to approve.
7. Entries must be based on activities undertaken from January 2025 to December 2025 unless otherwise indicated on the entry form.
8. All entries must include full name and valid contact details.
9. Only nominations from Royal College of Psychiatrists subscribing Members, Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Specialist Associates, Affiliates, International Associates or Pre-Membership Psychiatric Trainees of good standing will be considered.
10. Nominated teams must contain at least one psychiatrist who is a subscribing College Member, Fellow, Honorary Fellow, Specialist Associate, Affiliate, International Associate or Pre-Membership Psychiatric Trainee.
11. Previous winners cannot be nominated again in the same category.
12. Nominees can only be nominated once in each category. If a nominee becomes aware that they are to be nominated twice they should take steps to prevent separate entry forms being submitted. If not, the Membership Services team will request that nominators consolidate their nomination forms to ensure fairness of judging.
13. Reciprocal nominations will not be permitted, i.e. nominees cannot nominate their nominator in a different category.
14. The judges reserve the right to withhold any award should it be felt that the entries are below the required standard.

15. The chair of the judging panel reserves the right to cast any deciding vote, should the need arise. The verdict of the judging panel is final, and no correspondence can be entered into.
16. The College cannot reimburse travel expenses to attend the ceremony, except for medical students, patients, and carers. Nominees who are unable to attend the ceremony can send a representative to the ceremony on their behalf or submit a pre-recorded acceptance speech which will be played during the ceremony if they are the winner.