

# The RNZCGP General Practice RESEARCH AWARDS



Three awards for original research are to be made at the College's annual conference in Wellington next July.

The \$1000 awards are to encourage research by clinical GPs and GP registrars, and to encourage quality in research by academic GPs.

There are three categories: one each for clinical GPs, GP registrars, and GP academics. It is expected applicants must present the papers at the conference. If there is more than one applicant, the applicants' papers will form a special session at the conference. It is anticipated the award papers would be published in *NZFP*.

The awards will be judged by the Chief Censor (or deputy) and one professor of general practice (or deputy).

## Criteria

The research must be original, significant and important, based in science and contribute to one or more of the following College objects:

- The health and well-being of New Zealanders;
- High standards in general practice;
- The professional competence of general practitioners;
- Vocational and prevocational education for general practitioners;
- Continuing medical education of general practitioners;
- A high standard of teaching for undergraduate medical students in general practice;
- The care of members and their families;
- The training of future teachers of general practice; or
- Informing New Zealand public about general practice and primary care.

The presentation must be clear (written and oral), of no more than 15 minutes, including question time, and demonstrate the presenter's ability to handle questions and discussion.

The applicant must use the standard conference abstract format and hand it in in time for the relevant conference.

## The Rules

1. If applicants are uncertain as to their eligibility or category, they should ask the Chief Censor, whose decision is final.
2. The work must be carried out in New Zealand (or if not carried out in New Zealand, must be carried out by a Member or Fellow and the study must be of importance to general practice in New Zealand).
3. The applicant must declare the extent of their contribution: if group work is being reported the applicant and supervisor must make a declaration as to who did what and how much the applicant was involved at each stage.
4. The applicant must accept that the judges' decisions are final.
5. The applicant must apply before the 13 February 2004 deadline with an abstract in the conference format.
6. The award will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the conference.
7. If no applicant is deserving of an award, no award shall be made.
8. The application must be accompanied by a declaration covering points 1–4 above.