

## **Primary Care Surgical Association**

### **Ross Ardill Memorial Prize 2023**

One of the principle aims of the PCSA is to promote greater scholarship and engagement in research amongst our members. We are delighted to announce that applications are now invited for The Ross Ardill Memorial Prize, which is open to all medical students, GP trainees and all members of the Primary Care Surgical Association (PCSA) and the Association of Surgeons in Primary Care (ASPC-UK).

The prize for the best presented paper will include a perpetual trophy and a ProMed Gift Voucher to the value of €500.

There will also be a ProMed gift voucher for the best poster to the value of €250.

#### **The following conditions apply:**

The paper or research must be related to the area of primary care surgery. This could include original research, case presentation, new techniques, an audit etc.

Any ordinary member of PCSA and the ASPC (UK) who is in good standing (subscriptions paid up to date) is eligible to apply. Medical students and GP trainees who are not members of PCSA may also apply.

Applicants are required to submit a single A4 page abstract (size 12 font, Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing). Researcher name, work address, email address and telephone number should be included on a separate page. Please also indicate if you would rather present your paper orally or by poster.

Please submit your abstract by email to [pcsa.ireland@gmail.com](mailto:pcsa.ireland@gmail.com) before October 31st.

Two members of the PCSA Executive Committee with relevant academic or research experience will consider abstracts blindly. Judges are not allowed to submit a paper.

Abstracts which are accepted will be invited to present their paper either in oral or poster format at the PCSA Annual Scientific Meeting on November 18th at the Hotel Minella, Limerick and they will receive free registration for the meeting. At least two independent judges, one who is not a member of the PCSA, will adjudicate. The winners will be notified after presenting their paper or poster at our annual scientific meeting.

The committee of the PCSA will provide assistance in writing up the paper, if required, for publication in a peer review journal. Any presentation or publication arising from this funded research work must acknowledge the support and assistance of the PCSA.

We look forward to reviewing your applications, so get your thinking caps on, and start designing simple, focused and feasible research projects on primary care surgery.

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