



## Notes on the award of the Clinical Undergraduate Prize

The British Pharmacological Society will provide £100 per medical school for **Clinical Undergraduate Prizes**.

The prize will not be awarded prospectively either to support elective travel or research costs.

All candidates for the award of a prize:

- must be registered for the degree of MB ChB or equivalent;
- must have reached the end of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of studies which may include an intercalated year.

There are **four routes** by which a student may be nominated for the award of a prize:

1. Prescribing Safety Assessment (PSA)  
A nomination may be submitted for the student with the best result in the PSA
2. Examination (other)  
A nomination may be submitted for the student with the best result in a specific summative assessment of knowledge and skills in the area of clinical pharmacology, prescribing or therapeutics. Such nominations should detail the format of the relevant examination and how this meets the criteria
3. Special Study Module (SSM)  
A nomination may be submitted for the student with the most outstanding report of a SSM that involves novel research into any aspect of the use of drugs in the clinical setting. Reports that are based on a review of the work of others are not eligible.  
The nomination form must include: name of the supervisor, duration of study period and any support received by the student. A local representative of the Society will choose one report to submit for the prize and is asked to ensure the criteria above are met. Please enclose the student's report
4. Pharmacology Research Project  
A nomination may be submitted for the student with the most outstanding report on a project undertaken during an extended period of research in the area of pharmacology or clinical pharmacology e.g. an intercalated BSc project. Reports must be on a drug-related subject. Reports that are based only on a review of the work of others and do not report any novel findings relating to the use of drugs will not be eligible.  
The nomination form must include the name of the supervisor, duration of the project and how you went about the selection. When the project is part of ongoing work in the institution, the nomination should describe clearly the parts of work carried out by the student. A local representative of the Society will choose one report to submit for the prize and is asked to ensure the criteria above are met. Please enclose the student's abstract as well as the full report.

### **What are the deadlines?**

There are two deadlines. The aim of this is to ensure that schools electing to put forward PSA winners (final year students) are able to do so before students lose their university email addresses.

The deadline for nominations for the PSA is **31 May**

The deadline for nominations for Examination, Research Project and Special Study Module is **31 July**

### **What if my school is taking the PSA/waiting for results after 31 May?**

You can still submit your top PSA student, if you wish, for the 31 July deadline. It is highly recommended that you ask the student to provide you with an alternative email address to ensure you can make contact.

### **What if I need to split the prize between PSA and another option?**

Although the Society generally would encourage you not to split the Prize, it is acceptable to split the Prize fund in two. If you wish to do so please clearly state this on the PSA submission form that you submit in May (i.e. tick the 'I intend to submit another nomination in July' section of the form). You will be required to submit another form in July with the details of for the other student you want to nominate.

### **How do I submit my nomination?**

You must submit the nomination form and supporting papers (not exceeding 10MB) to the Membership Manager (Paul Tizard pt@bps.ac.uk). For the Special Study Module as well as the Research Project, please enclose the student's abstract as well as a copy of the full report, as separate documents.

We shall aim to notify medical schools of the awards from the May deadline by the end of June. We shall aim to notify medical schools of the awards from the July by the end of September.

### **Please note that the Society's explicit approval of the nomination is required before a prize can be awarded.**

All prize winners will be invited to join the Society and offered complimentary membership for one year. We ask you to encourage all of your students to join the Society!

A selection of students who win their prize on the basis of SSMs or research projects will be invited to present posters at *Pharmacology*. Students who are invited to present will receive up to £100 towards their travel and accommodation. We ask supervisors to work with any students who accept the invitation to present a poster, so that they know what to expect, and are briefed to answer referees' questions on their work. We plan to offer a national prize of £100 to the best poster presentation.

## **Supplementary Information**

### **Subject**

The prizes are intended to encourage interest in clinical pharmacology and medical students to consider in due course specialising in CPT. However, we recognise that this interest can be stimulated by research work in pre-clinical as well as clinical pharmacology, and so pharmacology projects may be submitted. Please note that ALL projects submitted must be drug-related. If you have any doubts about the eligibility of a particular project, please contact the office for advice well in advance of the submission deadline. If your school's submission is on the basis of examination results, we need

confirmation that the examination was in clinical pharmacology, prescribing or therapeutics.

### **British Pharmacological Society members' involvement**

It is important that Society members are involved in the selection of the nominee. A local Society member must confirm they support the nomination by signing and dating the form.

### **Status of the nomination**

Please note that you are making a ***nomination***, NOT telling the Society the name of the student who has been awarded the prize. **The approval of the Society is necessary before the prize is awarded.** If you are working to a deadline, for example a prize giving, you *must* let us know, and we shall do our best to enable you to meet this deadline. The decision of the Society is final and it shall not enter into discussion about it.

### **Splitting the prize**

We understand that medical schools may wish to split the prize between students. However, we recommend that the prize is split between two students as a maximum. **If you would like to split the prize we ask that you justify this request in the 'how did you go about the selection?' section of the submission form.**