

The Dorothy Stopford Price Medal: Research Guidelines

The Dorothy Stopford Price Medal is an RCPI Trainee Award to recognise excellence in research or audit on vaccination, immunisation or control of infectious diseases, and its potential impact on public health.

The medal is awarded by the Faculty of Public Health Medicine to honour this pioneer in infectious disease control in Ireland.

Eligible Applicants

You can apply for the Dorothy Stopford Price Medal if you are registered on a Basic Specialist Training Programme (BST), Higher Specialist Training Programme (HST), International Residency Training Programme (IRT) or the International Clinical Fellowship Programme (ICF) with the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) at the time of abstract submission.

Submission Guidelines

Applicants are required to submit an abstract that describes their research project, quality improvement initiative or audit on vaccination, immunisation, or the prevention or control of infectious diseases.

Submissions will be assessed for plagiarism and use of AI generated content by reviewers.

Your abstract must include recommendations for patient safety or the potential of the findings to impact on population health.

The abstract must not exceed **400 words in length**. This word count includes numbers. Each submission must include the following headings:

- Title
- Introduction - background and purpose
- Methods - e.g. study design, study population, statistical tests
- Results - including key statistical data as relevant
- Discussion and conclusions – including recommendations to improve patient safety or the implications of the findings for population health.

Patient confidentiality must always be observed.

Scoring System

A total of **100 marks** are available:

- Introduction - Concise background and clear purpose **(/20)**
- Methods - Clear summary of methods **(/20)**
- Results - Key findings, including statistical data where relevant **(/20)**
- Discussion/conclusions - Outline of the potential to impact on population health **(/40)**

Further Information

Ensure that no identifiable information is provided within the submission text (e.g. name, RCPI ID number etc.) This information will be requested separately.

The material submitted may be used as an educational and training tool for RCPI trainees and will be available to Members and Fellows of RCPI.

By submitting a research study for competition, trainees are providing consent for the RCPI to use the material as an education training tool.

Applicants, if chosen, must be available to present their research at the Annual National Education Day for Doctors in Training, which takes place on Friday, 22 May 2026.

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation on the day. Further information on poster requirements and formatting will be provided for successful applicants.

Closing Date

All submissions must be received by **12 midnight Sunday, 30 November 2025**.