Dr Simon Newell Early Career Investigator Award

The Award

The award, generously funded by Sparks (now a part of the GOSH Charity Family), is awarded annually for excellence in research to an outstanding young medically-qualified research worker in British paediatrics. The award consists of a trophy, together with £1000 to the winner and a further £1000 to the department in which they work, for the purchase of equipment or other expenses connected with their research.

The award is named after Dr Simon Newell, a renowned and widely respected neonatologist and paediatrician who had a passion to encourage the next generation of paediatric clinicians and researchers. He made an enormous contribution to neonatal medicine across the UK and was a great advocate for paediatric health. Simon was connected to Sparks throughout his career, first as a researcher, then a member of the Medical Advisory Committee and later a Trustee. This award has been named in his memory and as recognition of the tremendous work he did.

Nomination Process

The nomination form on the following page must be completed and include a copy of the nominee’s concise CV, details of their research work and a brief statement (500 words max.) highlighting why the nominee should be selected for the award. Submissions should be sent to research@rcpch.ac.uk with the subject line ‘RCPCH Sparks Prize nomination’.

Please note that nominees can complete the nomination form and supporting information but should secure sign off from a sponsor.

The closing date for receipt of submissions for the prize is 30th November 2018.

Please return entries via email to: research@rcpch.ac.uk

Via post: Research and Evaluation Team, 2nd Floor
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
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Review Process

An adjudication panel made up of RCPCH and GOSH representatives will review the nominations and select the winner. The adjudicators will be looking for submissions which highlight the nominee’s research objectives and outcomes, demonstrate originality of thought, consider the implications for impact on clinical practice and show evidence of personal reflection.

The results of the competition will be announced in February 2019. The prize will be awarded at the RCPCH Annual Conference in May 2019.