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## Simon Newell Early Independent Researcher Award 2024

### Award Background

The award, generously funded by [Sparks](#) and [GOSH Charity](#), 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 £1,000 to the winner and a further £1,000 to the department in which they work, for the purchase of equipment or other expenses connected with their research. The winner will be awarded at the RCPCH Annual Conference in 2024, with a free day entry pass and expenses covered for attendance.

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 that he did.

### Award eligibility

To be eligible for the Simon Newell award you need to:

1. Be no more than one year prior to receiving your certificate of completion of training (CCT) or three years since receiving your CCT.
2. Have a strong interest in, and engage in research related to paediatrics.
3. Be on the route to achieving research independence.

### Application Process

To enter for this award please complete the application form alongside a copy of your concise CV (maximum of 3 pages). We recommended that you include details of your academic experience, any grants or prizes that you have been awarded and any scientific publications in your CV.

Please note that the application should be completed by the potential recipient of the award. The support from a suitable sponsor is required to complete the submission. Sign-off is granted by providing a signature (e-signature is allowed).

Please send your submission to [research@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:research@rcpch.ac.uk) with the subject line 'RCPCH Simon Newell Award application'. Both the applicant and sponsor should be copied into the submission email. Please return no later than **midnight on Friday 22 December 2023**.

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Please ensure that you receive a receipt of application following your entry to this award.

### **Guidance to Applicants - Review Process**

A review panel, made up of RCPCH and GOSH Charity representatives, will review the applications and select the winner.

The reviewers will consider the application form and the CV together. They will be looking for submissions that highlight the applicant's research interest and achievements, demonstrate originality of thought and communicates the potential impact on child health and clinical practice.

The results of the competition will be announced in February 2024 and will be awarded at the RCPCH Annual Conference in 2024.

The closing date for submissions for the award is **midnight on Friday 22 December 2023**. Once we have received your application you will receive a receipt of application within two working days. If you have not received a receipt of application, please contact us.

## Simon Newell Award Application Form

Applicant details	
Title	
Full name	
Address	
Email address	
Year of CCT/ expected year of CCT	
Work address	
Post held	
Where did you hear about this award?	

Sponsor details	
Sponsor full name	
Sponsor position	
Sponsor address	
Sponsor email address	
Sponsor signature (e-signature is acceptable)	

### Please submit your CV

Please include a copy of your CV (maximum of 3 pages) in your submission email. In addition to your employment history, please highlight any prizes you have received, details of successful research grants you have won and a list of your key publications.



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**Please answer the following questions**

**1. Please provide details of your research interest and notable achievements to date (maximum 300 words)**

**2. In lay terms, please describe how your research has or may positively impact clinical practice and child health (maximum 200 words)**

**3. Please describe your suitability for this award and your research ambitions for the future (maximum 200 words)**

**4. Please highlight how you have engaged with patients and the public in your research (maximum 100 words)**

Thank you for completing the application form for the Simon Newell Early Independent Researcher Award.

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## Privacy Statement

### Who we are

We are the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), 5-11 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SH (telephone: +44 (0)20 7092 6000)

The contact details for the RCPCH Data Protection Officer are the same as above or via email to:

[Information.Governance@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@rcpch.ac.uk)

This award is co-founded with GOSH Charity 40 Bernard Street London, WC1N 1LE (telephone: 020 3841 3000). If you have any queries about how GOSH Charity process your data, please contact their data protection officer by writing to the address above or emailing: [dataprotection@gosh.org](mailto:dataprotection@gosh.org).

### What information do we collect from you?

This privacy notice relates to the information we collect for the Simon Newell Early Independent Researcher Award. To enable us to consider the submission, we require the following information as part of the submission form:

- name, address, contact number and email address of the applicant
- CV and research work of the applicant
- name, address, contact number and email address of the sponsor

As part of the process, we also require the contact information of the nominator so that we can keep them informed about the nomination process. Submissions for the prize are voluntary and we will only use the personal data you have provided on this form for the application process.

### Who do we share your information with?

Your personal data will be held within the Research & Evidence team. The adjudication panel, made up of representatives from RCPCH, Sparks and GOSH Charity, will review the applications. Your name will also be published on the RCPCH website and the Annual Conference programme. We will never transfer your information outside of the EEA. The name and contact details of the winning application will be shared with GOSH Charity to enable them to fulfil the award. For more information please see their privacy policy at [gosh.org/privacy](http://gosh.org/privacy).

### How long do we keep your information?

We will retain applications for five years from the year of submission in line with the College Retention Policy. We will then destroy unsuccessful applications and transfer successful nominations to the College's historical archive for long term preservation.

### Your rights

Under GDPR you have certain rights in regard to the data we hold about you. You can ask us to delete your personal data (called a right to be forgotten), change any inaccuracies,

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restrict what we use your personal data for or ask us to stop processing your personal data. You can also request that the data we hold about you is given back to you or given to another service provider in a commonly used format. This is called data portability. You are entitled to ask for a copy of the data we hold about you as well. However, there are some restrictions which apply to these requests, such as if we have an overriding legal obligation to keep the data.

To find out more about your rights visit the [ICO website](#) or to make a request contact the Data Protection Officer on [Information.Governance@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@rcpch.ac.uk) or at RCPCH, 5-11 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8SH.

In accordance with Data Protection Legislation, we have a legal duty to protect any information we collect from you and we have measures in place to ensure your data is securely and safely stored. You do have the right to complain to the ICO if you have concerns about the way your personal data is being handled: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).