



Colin Woods Prize

Award Details:

The award is approximately £300 (depending on endowed funds)

Prize winners are invited to the annual School prizegiving ceremony in December in Riddell Hall.

Background

This annual prize was established in 2003 by Mr and Mrs Derick Woods in memory of their son Colin who died as a result of epilepsy. It is hoped that this prize will help raise awareness amongst medical students of epilepsy and its treatment.

How it is awarded

The prize is open to medical students in years 3, 4 and 5.

This prize will be awarded annually by the Medical School, on the recommendation of a selection panel comprised of at least two individuals from a relevant medical discipline, to an undergraduate student in Medicine for an essay/dissertation/project in the field of epilepsy or related neurological disease submitted by the student by a date specified by the Panel.

There is a monetary award which is reviewed annually. A medal is also usually awarded with this prize. Work should be submitted to the email advertised by the due date. The School reserves the right not to award the prize if they feel that no work of sufficient merit has been submitted.

Details of Prize

1. Applications will be accepted in three different formats:
 - a) Clinical case: A clinical case relevant to epilepsy or presenting with epileptic seizures with appropriate discussion.
 - b) Basic or clinical research related to epilepsy or seizures as a presenting feature of the illness.
 - c) Audit or health care improvement program related to epilepsy.
2. The written account should be submitted electronically in Word format by the given date.
3. The presentation must be for work undertaken since entering medical school and not as part of any previous degree project such as a graduate entry student who may have participated in prior neuroscience research.

4. We are keen to encourage as wide a possible range of projects including special studies modules and electives abroad. The work does not need to be specifically related to Neurosciences module.
5. The presentation (written account) should be in the following format:
 - a) A short additional summary of the work (maximum 250 words)
 - b) The presentation should:
 - have a maximum length of 1000 words (excluding above summary)
 - contain a maximum of 3 figures, tables or graphs
 - contain a maximum of 10 references.

Assessment

All entries will be reviewed by members of the selection panel and the prize will be awarded thereafter.

Prize winners whose projects are felt to be of particularly high quality will be invited to present their work at a national meeting or submit it for publication.

Eligible Students: Year 3, 4, 5

Submission: email your essay to Rosaleen Smyth Rosaleen.smyth@qub.ac.uk

Deadline: 26th June 2026

Word count: 1000 words, plus a summary of the work 250 words max