

Media Release
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Apply now for the UK's most prestigious pharmacy practice award

Applications or nominations can now be made for the Practice Research Award at the 2012 Royal Pharmaceutical Society Conference. Sponsored by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust it is described by Dr Margaret Watson¹, the 2012 Conference Academic Chair, as the most prestigious pharmacy practice award in the UK.

Says Dr Watson; "this award goes to individuals who have led and demonstrated substantial contributions to the advancement of knowledge and practice in the development and delivery of the profession and pharmacy services. I would encourage all eligible colleagues nationally and internationally who are involved in pharmacy practice research, to consider applying."

The 2011 award went to Derek Stewart, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences at Robert Gordon University for his work on the pharmacist prescriber. Says Professor Stewart: "I was honoured that my work was recognised in this way. Winning this award also gave me the opportunity to describe my body of research into the pharmacist prescriber, which has been a key focus over the last five years, to my peers and the wider pharmacy community".

Typically, applicants should be at the mid-point of their career such as, Senior Lecturer or Senior Research Fellow. The winner will receive a cheque for £1000 and be invited to deliver a 30 minute lecture at Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2012 in September based primarily on the applicant's own research but drawn on relevant published work from related fields including health policy.

¹ Dr Margaret Watson, Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Academic Primary Care, University of Aberdeen.

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It is not a requirement that applicants are based in a School of Pharmacy or be a registered pharmacist. International applications are welcome.

Beth Allen, Director of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust said: "The Trust is pleased to continue its support for this award which recognises those who have the potential to become a leader in the field of pharmacy practice research. It complements so well our objective of developing and promoting academic excellence in pharmacy practice research. Since we started our support, all the award recipients have proved to be worthy winners through their continuing significant contributions to pharmacy practice research."

The closing date for applications is 17.00hrs on Tuesday 17 April 2012. For further information go to: <http://www.rpharms.com/awards/pharmacy-practice-research-award.asp>

The winner will be notified in May 2012.

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1. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust Practice Research Award lecture will be given at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2012 (9-10 September) on Monday, 10th September. The winner of the award will also be asked to write an abstract of their proposed talk for a supplement to the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice and a summary of their lecture given to the conference which will appear in the Pharmaceutical Journal.

2. Notes on Application Process available at: <http://www.rpharms.com/rps-annual-conference/practice-research-award.asp>

3. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust was established by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of GB in July 1999 as an independent research charity with a broad objective to promote and develop the field of pharmacy practice research. Its trustees are drawn from senior health policy makers, leading academics, industry and retailers.

The Trust has invested over £2m in research; 30% supporting capacity building in pharmacy practice research and 70% on commissioned research. The Trust receives financial support from the Pharmaceutical Trust for Education and Charitable Objectives, the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust and the Galen Trust, as well as a gift in kind from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. For further information and to access reports of Trust commissioned research or for funding/grant opportunities go to: www.pprrt.org.uk

4. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2012 is being held on Sunday 9 and Monday 10 September 2012 at Birmingham International Convention Centre (ICC). For further information go to: <http://www.rpharms.com/rps-annual-conference/rps-conference-2012.asp>