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## Media Release

# APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR RPS CONFERENCE 2010 PRACTICE RESEARCH AWARD

Nominations or applications for the Practice Research Award at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2010 are invited for consideration by the conference Practice Research Panel.

This prestigious award, sponsored by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust, recognises individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacy practice research and who have the potential to become a leader in the field.

The 2009 award went to Dr Darren Ashcroft, Reader in Medicines Usage and Safety, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Manchester for his work into medicines usage and in particular quality and safety.

Dr Ashcroft said: "The Practice Research Award recognised my research and work over the last 10 years studying drug related morbidity in the UK and its development into a wider European context. Winning this award meant a lot to me."

Typically, applicants should be at the mid-point of their career (e.g. Senior Lecturer or Senior Research Fellow). The winner will receive a cheque for £1000 and have the

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opportunity to deliver a 30 minute lecture at September's Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2010, based primarily on the applicant's own research.

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

Beth Allen, Acting Director of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust said: "The Trust is pleased to continue its support for this award. It complements so well our objective of developing and promoting academic excellence in pharmacy practice research. Since we started our support of this award, the two recipients Dr Margaret Watson and Dr Darren Ashcroft, have proved to be worthy winners through their continuing significant contributions to pharmacy practice research."

Applications should be received by **5pm, Tuesday 13 April 2010**. For further details go to: <http://beta.pharmacyplb.com/events-and-courses/the-royal-pharmaceutical-society-conference-2010.asp>

The winner will be notified in June 2010.

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## Notes to editors

**1. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust Practice Research Award lecture** will be given at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2010 on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

To apply for the award, please submit the following:

- Full academic CV demonstrating professional and academic track record including peer review experience, publications and details of significant grants awarded
- Brief personal statement of up to 2 sides of A4

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- Proposed lecture title, an outline of the topics to be covered in the lecture and a statement of how the research to be presented contributes to knowledge in relation to healthcare generally and pharmacy practice specifically

Applicants will be judged against the following criteria:

- Grants held
- Quality of published research
- Collaborations (national and international)
- Evidence of research leadership
- Relevance of research to policy and practice
- Quality of proposed lecture content

### **3. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust**

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 £1.5m 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.pprt.org.uk](http://www.pprt.org.uk)

**4. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Conference 2010: Supporting patient and professional decision making** will be held on 5-6 September 2010 at Imperial College London. For further information go to: <http://beta.pharmacyplb.com/events-and-courses/the-royal-pharmaceutical-society-conference-2010.asp>