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Advancing burn & scar research

Restore Burn and Wound Research Essay Prize

Restore Burn and Wound Research has established the Restore Essay Prize to be awarded to one and/or several medical students each year who are interested in the field of Burns, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Open to: all medical students registered at United Kingdom medical schools at the date of submission and within one year of their elective placement

Prize: A prize fund of £1000. The award will be expected to contribute to a student elective placement with one of Restore's affiliate burns and plastic surgery units in the UK or abroad, or such other elective placement with an established burns and plastic surgery centre as the student may have arranged (and will have with prior notice agreed with Restore's Director of Research). We will support the student in gaining valuable clinical exposure in the specified department, but moreover, there is an expectation that the student will undertake a small research project in the linked unit. The Prize will be named 'The Restore Essay Prize' in all publicity.

Frequency: Annual at the discretion of Restore's Board of Trustees.

Submission deadline: 31st July 2019; the elective placement must take place within one year of the award

Personal involvement: the essay must have been personally written by the applicant and confirmed in writing to be **original and the sole endeavours of the candidate** on a separate authorship form which is downloadable from the Restore website (<http://www.restore-research.org.uk/>) to be submitted with the essay.

Essay Submission Criteria

- A title will be set by Restore's Directors of Research that is relevant to the fields of wound healing, burns or scarring.
- Essay title(s) will be provided by the Restore Director of Research by August 30th, for a submission deadline of midnight on 31st July 2019.
- There must be no indication in the submission of the author's identity or parent institution.
- The manuscript should be no longer than 10,000 words which should include all references, acknowledgements and appendices. It should be written in a format commensurate with research articles published in the academic press.
- The essay should include an abstract of no more than 200 words written in jargon-free language that a lay person can understand.
- Submissions may include relevant figures, tables or diagrams where these improve the clarity of the text, but should not be included where the added value is minimal.

- Only one essay may be submitted per applicant and these should be submitted electronically to restoresocialmedia@gmail.com by midnight on 31st July 2019.
- Essays will be judged according to set criteria including clarity, comprehensiveness, quality of argument, originality and overall impression by a panel of Restore scientific staff and advisers.
- The essays with the best overall scores in the first round will be assessed by an independent marker and, depending on this final assessment, one or several awards may be confirmed after consideration of the general standard of entries.
- Restore reserves the right not to award an elective prize if the standard of entries is deemed to be of inadequate quality.
- Successful candidates will be notified in writing within two months of the submission deadline.
- Successful candidates will be expected to compile a short report including photographs about their elective for Restore. This may be published on our website or in our newsletters.
- Where possible, Restore will endeavour to work with the successful candidate to prepare for presentation or publication any research work undertaken while on the student elective providing that Restore is acknowledged in this work.
- Unsuccessful candidates will be given brief feedback on their entry.

Publication: Restore will work with the winning essayist(s) to prepare their entries for submission to a journal relevant to the essay topic. As such, the student should take care to avoid copyright infringement in any figures, diagram or picture used. **Plagiarism in any form will result in the entry being disqualified and this will be relayed to the relevant medical school.**

Elective arrangements

In making the award, Restore makes no representation as to the suitability or otherwise of the elective placement for a particular candidate and he/she is responsible for making all practical arrangements for his/her elective including but not limited to travel, accommodation and insurance.

The successful candidate's elective will be unremunerated and he/she will operate strictly as a guest /observer without any form of employment either express or implied with the host institution.

The candidate will be taken to have accepted these rules by submission of his/her essay.

Payment

The award will be paid directly to the successful candidate(s) once the elective has been completed.