

## RD-UK Speciality Trainee Awards

The Council of RD-UK seeks to award several Speciality Trainee Awards, up to a total value of £1000.00, each year.

Applicants must be an Associate member of RD-UK and in an approved programme for specialist training in either Restorative Dentistry or one of the monospecialties, on the day the application is submitted.

The application must be supported by a Full member of RD-UK.

The Award will be made as either:

- a. **A Travel Award**, to enhance the applicant's specialist training, by supporting international travel for an elective visit to another clinical centre.
- b. **A Quality Award**, for development and use of a quality improvement process, within the speciality of Restorative Dentistry.

The Council may choose to divide the award between a number of successful applicants, each year, dependent on the quality and appropriateness of applications received.

Each successful applicant will be expected to make a short presentation regarding their award at the subsequent Annual Meeting of RD-UK.

Written applications of not more than 500 words, summarising the type and nature of award applied for, can be made at any time to the Honorary Secretary of RD-UK. They will be considered by Council at the next council meeting. However closing dates for each year will be as on the regulations attached. A judging panel of at least three Council members, appointed by the Honorary Secretary, will assess each application and a decision will be made at the Spring RD-UK Council meeting.

Council reserves the right not to make an award if no suitable applications are received.

Each successful applicant will be informed as soon as possible after that Council meeting.

Further regulations for each award are in Appendix A (Travel Award) and appendix B (Quality Award) below.

## APPENDIX A

### RD-UK TRAVEL AWARD – REGULATIONS

1. This award is available to those who have been members of SRRDG (and hence associate members of RD-UK) for a minimum of 2 years and who are in a recognised specialty training post in Restorative Dentistry at the time of application.
2. Applicants for this award are required to complete the attached application form, and submit a summary document (1-2 page A4 – 500 words) which details the need for the proposed further experience. Please include information on the location of the proposed study, sponsoring trainers at that location, the perceived need for the proposed further experience, the likely benefits of this to you as an individual and the NHS or equivalent, and the financial costs involved.
3. The award is to support the recipient in undertaking a single defined episode of further training in clinical practice, audit or research related to Restorative Dentistry. The proposed work experience, research or other study should be of clear benefit to the individual's training and to the NHS, or equivalent, on return.
4. The award specifically excludes support for attendance at conferences or for undertaking a series of brief visits to multiple centres or year-long salaried posts. Funds provided should be used for travel and subsistence of the applicant and not family members. Awards are not expected to cover or support salary costs. Appropriate arrangements for study leave and continuation of salary must be made with the applicant's employing authority.
5. Applicants must indicate clearly any application for financial support of the same period of study made to any other professional body. Awards already received will not necessarily preclude applicants from being successful for this award.
6. In applying for this award, applicants must undertake, if successful, to produce an appropriate report of their activities in relation to the award, in the form of a short 10 minute slide presentation format for presentation at the next RD-UK Annual Meeting. Confirmation of this should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of ACSRD within three months of completion of the experience.
7. The award will be for the value of up to £1000 but may within an award year be split (in proportions at the discretion of the awards panel) between up to 4 applicants for this Travel award or the Quality Award, if applications are deemed to be of similar standing. Council will review the award at appropriate intervals and reserves the right not to make an award in any application period if applications are not deemed to be of a suitable quality.
8. A committee of assessors will be appointed by council of RD-UK. The decision on the award is final and appeals are not allowed.
9. **The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> August each year for a planned elective for the following year.**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **RD-UK QUALITY AWARD – REGULATIONS**

1. This award is available to those who have been members of SRRDG for a minimum of 1 year and who are in a recognised specialty training post in Restorative Dentistry at the time of application.
2. This award is offered for a quality improvement project in which you have been the principle contributor and which has been designed as an audit or service development with the aim of improving patient care or service provision in Restorative Dentistry. Applicants for this award are required to complete the attached application form, and submit a summary document (1-2 page A4 – 500 words) which details the quality improvement work undertaken, with a summary of the reasons why it was undertaken, the perceived benefits of the project, the format of it, and the outcomes.
3. Applicants must clearly indicate their personal involvement in the development and undertaking of this project.
4. The award(s) (amount to be decided by the judging panel of RD-UK council members) will be made to the applicant(s) whose projects are deemed by the panel to best represent the theme and to have delivered a useful development which could be considered to be of benefit to the wider professional community.
5. In applying for this award, applicants must undertake, if successful, to produce an appropriate report of their activities in relation to the award, in the form of a short 10 minute slide presentation format for presentation at the next RD-UK Annual Meeting.
6. It is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of applications to allow between 2 and 4 colleagues to present their work. Accordingly, the award will be for a total value of up to £1000 but may within an award year be split (in proportions at the discretion of the awards panel) between up to 4 applicants for this Quality award or the Travel Award, if applications are deemed to be of similar standing. Council will review the award at appropriate intervals and reserves the right not to make an award in any application period if applications are not deemed to be of a suitable quality.
7. A committee of assessors will be appointed by council of RD-UK. The decision on the award is final and appeals are not allowed.
- 8. The closing date for applications is 30th May each year.**

# Specialty Trainee Award Application form

AWARD TYPE: TRAVEL / QUALITY (Please delete as appropriate)

Please use capital letters

NAME: .....TITLE: .....

DEGREES: .....

YEAR / UNIVERSITY OF (primary) QUALIFICATION:  
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D.O.B: .....

HOME ADDRESS: .....  
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TEL: .....

MAIN BASE: .....  
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TEL: .....EMAIL: ..... FAX:.....

DEANERY / EMPLOYING TRUST:  
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HONORARY OR NHS APPOINTMENT: ..... W.T.E: .....

EXPECTED CCST DATE: .....

**FOR TRAVEL AWARD ONLY:** DETAILS OF OTHER BODIES TO WHICH APPLICATION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THIS PERIOD OF STUDY, INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC TITLE OF THE AWARD APPLIED FOR.  
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I the undersigned, undertake ,if successful in my application, to produce an appropriate report of my activities in relation to the award, in the form of a short 10 minute slide presentation format for presentation at the next RD-UK Annual Meeting.

Signed..... Date .....

I, the undersigned, confirm I am a full RD-UK member and support my colleague in this application.

Signed..... Date .....

Please attach a summary document (1-2 page A4 maximum) which provides further details of the project as specified in the appendices.

Please return form to:-

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