



Royal College of
General Practitioners

RCGP Northern Ireland First5 Bursary

This bursary is designed to provide First5 members (GPs within their first five years of practice) with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge by attending educational courses or providing support for research projects.

The bursary is intended to assist First5 members:

- To attend an RCGP event e.g. RCGP Annual Conference, One Day Essentials etc.
- To attend a course on a topic relevant to general practice
- To attend a training or specialist course relevant to an individuals training or potential specialist subject
- To conduct or assist with research associated with general practice.

Remit

- The bursary can be used for training anywhere in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland (including outlying islands)
- The bursary should be used for a course, placement or research taking place before 31 March 2020.

The bursary applied for by an individual can be up to the maximum value of £750.00; however an award of a lesser value may be bestowed. The total bursary available is £1,500.00.

Eligibility

- Candidate must be a qualified, practicing GP in their first 5 years after completing their Certificate
- Candidate must be an RCGP member (currently residing in Northern Ireland)

Applicants who were awarded the bursary in 2018 are not eligible to apply for the bursary in 2019. Applicants who were previously unsuccessful are eligible to apply.

Application Process

Applications should be sent in a letter (max 600 words) to Michelle Newell, RCGPNI Membership and Events Co-ordinator at michelle.newell@rcgp.org.uk

On your application, please include:

- personal background information and contact details
- information on the course, research or placement you wish to undertake
- costs which will be incurred

- the amount of money you are applying for (up to £750.00). Successful applicants will be expected to provide evidence of the cost of the course, placement or research being undertaken as soon as possible. This includes (but is not limited to) booking confirmations, receipts and expenses claim forms (where applicable) to the RCGPNI office.
- details of how this bursary will assist you in your professional development.

Please note that applications from individuals which do not meet the initial criteria or include the information requested will not be considered.

The application deadline is 5:00 pm on 31 July 2019.

Adjudication

The applications will be judged by a panel of members from the RCGPNI Member's Forum. Successful applicants will be notified no later than **6 September 2019**. Please note that the decision of the panel is final.

Remuneration

Successful candidates should forward all expense claims to the RCGPNI Council and Finance Coordinator (bronagh.mccann@rcgp.org.uk) for processing and payment no later than **31 March 2020**. All expenses must be claimed within three months of the expenditure having taken place (in line with College guidelines).

Successful candidates

Successful candidates are expected to participate in the RCGP Northern Ireland New Members & Awards Ceremony on 19 October 2019 at the Titanic Hotel to receive certification of their award.

Successful applicants will also be expected to give their feedback to RCGPNI via a short blog on their experience and insights gained during the course, research or placement within 12 months of receipt of the bursary. This will be shared on social media and with members.

Should you have any queries regarding the bursary please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Newell at the RCGPNI office:

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