Distinguished Research Paper Award for Young Clinicians
Hong Kong College of Physicians

1. The Hong Kong College of Physicians has established a Distinguished Research Paper Award for Young Investigators, with the objective of promoting outstanding research in medicine by young clinicians of the College.

2. The prize shall be known as the Hong Kong College of Physicians Distinguished Research Award for Young Investigators (hereafter referred to “the Award”).

3. Competition for the Award shall be open to young Members and Fellows of the College who are aged 40 years or below on the deadline date for submission of application.

4. Up to five Awards of HK$5,000.00 each shall be presented annually to the first authors of best research papers published in the field of medicine in the previous year.

5. Eligible Members and Fellows are invited annually to enter into the competition. Each competitor is requested to submit only one first-authored original research paper each time. The paper must be already published in paper or online in peer-reviewed journal not more than 12 months before the deadline for submission of application. Papers accepted for publication but still in press are not acceptable.

6. All applications must reach the College Secretariat before the deadline and should contain a covering letter, an electronic version and five copies of the paper.

7. The Research Committee shall appoint an Award Subcommittee to assess each year’s submission. This Subcommittee may also seek advice from local or overseas experts where necessary.

8. The Award Subcommittee shall determine the criteria for selection. They may include scientific excellence, local relevance, clinical application and impact factor of the journal. Preference will be given to the research work done in Hong Kong. Both clinical and laboratory researches are welcome.

9. Higher priority would be given to research papers which were done locally in local institutions and with local data.

10. Recipients of the Award may be invited to present their paper in an open meeting organized by the College.

11. A “Young Investigator Award” medal will be awarded to the best presenter among the five winners of the Distinguished Research Paper Award for Young Investigators.

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