**RCR-NIHR Outstanding Clinical Radiology Researcher of 2023**

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In 2017, the RCR launched the first of its Outstanding Clinical Radiology Researcher awards, to recognise the contribution that clinical radiologists make to research in the NHS.

Overview of the RCR Outstanding Clinical Radiology Researcher award:

1. The award recognises NHS clinical trainees and consultant radiologists who are active in research, specifically recognising outstanding contributions to the conduct of imaging research, as evidenced by publications or presentations and tangible patient benefit, such as influence on clinical pathways, clinical guidelines or patient management.

2. Two awards will be available every two years, one trainee and one consultant award. New consultants are eligible to apply for the trainee award for research undertaken as a trainee / fellow in the last 2 years.

3. Consultant applicants must be radiologists working in the UK, wholly employed by the NHS in a predominantly clinical capacity (≥75% clinical commitment; ≥7.5/10 equivalent sessions per week). They may hold an honorary university post, but holders of a tenured university post (e.g. Senior Lecturer, Reader or Chair) are not eligible.

4. Trainee applicants should be radiologists working in the UK in a recognised training post. This would include Academic Clinical Fellows (or equivalent), but exclude Academic Clinical Lecturers and those taking time out of training for a higher degree. Work which contributed to a higher degree or during an Academic Clinical Lecturer post or similar cannot be cited in applications for this award.

5. The awards will be in the form of a certificate and £250 award, entitling the holder to be called “RCR Outstanding Clinical Radiology Researcher of 2023 (Trainee)” and “RCR Outstanding Clinical Radiology Researcher of 2023 (Consultant)” respectively.

6. Successful applicants will be announced at the RCR Radiology Research Day on 9 November 2023, and may be asked to present their research.

7. Award recipients are mentioned and congratulated in RCR communications to members and Fellows and in NIHR communications.

**How to apply:**

1. Applicants may self-nominate for the award but should be recommended / seconded by a Fellow of the RCR.

2. The application will comprise:

* a cover letter (justification) detailing why the applicant is applying for this award
* a detailed description of up to two pieces of research undertaken that is relevant for the award
* a comprehensive CV and a signature from a Fellow of the RCR (for trainee applicants - Training Programme Director or academic project supervisor).

3. Particular weight is attached to applications which demonstrate engagement with patients, NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio studies, and successful delivery of clinical research studies.

4. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email.

5. Application forms must be received no later than 23.59 on 2 October 2023.

6. Applications will be assessed by the RCR Clinical Radiology Academic Committee, NIHR representatives.

7. Successful applicants will be notified by 23 October 2023.