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As primary health care continues to grow in importance in relation to the rest of health care provision, this journal provides a source of information on the growing body of knowledge concerning research and development issues in primary health care. This is the first journal aimed specifically at both researchers and practitioners in primary health care, thereby bridging the gap between the two areas. It provides a forum for the publication of international, interdisciplinary research and development in primary health care (PHC).

Aims and Scope

- to disseminate evidence, information and practice examples of PHC research and developmental activities
- to analyse and debate the meaning of evidence and ways in which practice in PHC may be developed to reflect best practice, including clinical audit, quality issues and cost-effectiveness
- to draw on and promote the use of the full range of research methods in PHC research
- to provide a forum for communication between practitioners, researchers, educators and policy-makers concerned with achieving PHC-led services worldwide
- to involve user-groups as well as PHC professionals, thus reflecting accepted views on involvement of consumers in research and policy development
- to reflect and explore the political context of health care development
- to include work concerned with all aspects of PHC including prevention, health promotion, public health, education, clinical effectiveness, organizational and management issues, quality issues and policy development

Networking

This section covers the work of research networks and other initiatives to promote collaboration or build capacity in primary care research. Articles can raise issues, inform or challenge, comment on current events, or seek collaborative partners. Articles of up to 1000 words will be subject to editorial review and published as quickly as space allows. Longer contributions will be subject to peer review, as are other papers submitted to the journal.

Research

Research papers (normally up to 5000 words) will be considered as those which do one or more of the following:

- Report on primary data, either quantitative or qualitative
- Offer a critical analysis of research method(s)
- Provide a critical and systematic overview of previous studies
- Provide new theoretical/conceptual insights into phenomena
- Critically inform the evidence base for practice

Development

Development papers (normally up to 5000 words) will be considered as those which do any one or more of the following:

- Report on a change in practice
- Demonstrate how evidence supports change
- Report on audit data or pilot study data
- Report on evaluation process
- Analyse policy which underpins change in practice

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the Royal College of General Practitioners**

Yvonne Carter Award for Outstanding Young Researchers

Call for Applications

Background

Professor Yvonne Carter CBE was an outstanding and inspirational leader who had a remarkable impact on academic general practice. To commemorate her contribution to primary care research the Royal College of General Practitioners, through its Scientific Foundation Board, and the Society for Academic Primary Care have jointly instituted the Yvonne Carter Award for Outstanding Young Researcher award.

Purpose of award

This annual award of £1,000 is intended to help promising researchers in primary care to develop an international profile. The award will enable opportunities to meet and collaborate with researchers in other countries and to attend and present work at an international research meeting.

Eligibility

Applicants should be (pro rata) within 5 years of either attaining a PhD (non-medical) or 10 years of completing specialist training in general practice (medical). You should be affiliated to a UK university, have published at least one piece of original research in a peer-reviewed journal and be actively engaged in high-quality research. The awards will be restricted to persons whose background the Award Panel considers to be genuinely grounded in primary care. The decision of the Panel is final and not open to appeal.

How to apply

Applications should be sent by email to helen.lester@manchester.ac.uk for the attention of the Chair of the SFB. Further details of the Award and how to apply are available on www.rcgp.org.uk and www.sapc.ac.uk

The deadline for applications is **January 31st 2011**. Initial enquiries about these awards may be directed to the Chair of the SFB, Professor Greg Rubin at **g.p.rubin@durham.ac.uk**.