

Award

Subject: **Pathology Article of the Year Award**
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Background

The College recognises that many Fellows, Fellows of Faculties, or Trainees of the College support the RCPA journal *Pathology* by submitting articles for publication. Designed to encourage submission of articles to *Pathology* and recognise those who support the journal by submitting their research for publication, the *Pathology* Article of the Year Award will be awarded annually, beginning in the jubilee year (50th), of the journal in 2018.

Eligibility

The *Pathology* Article of the Year Award shall be for Fellows, Fellows of Faculties, or Trainees of the College whose article published in the previous calendar year (volume) has been considered by the Editor, Senior Associate Editor and Associate Editors of *Pathology* to be of outstanding scientific merit and the most significant manuscript published in that year.

Procedure:

At the end of each volume (calendar year) of publication, the Editorial Manager will shortlist all articles published in *Pathology* for the year which are eligible (ie, have first authors or corresponding authors who are Fellows, Fellows of Faculties, or Trainees of the College). Associate Editors from each discipline will be invited to suggest two articles which they deem worthy of the award. The Editor and Senior Associate Editor will then assess all suggested articles and select the winner of the award. As part of this assessment the following will be taken into account:

- The novelty of the article
- The presentation of the study
- The contribution of the article in advancing the practice and science of pathology.

The award:

The award will consist of a certificate and medal from the College which will be presented to the first author and corresponding author, while all co-authors will receive a certificate. In addition, the current publisher of the journal, Elsevier, will make the winning article freely available online for 12 months from the date of the award and will provide the first and corresponding authors with a 12 month personal subscription to Elsevier's ClinicalKey.

The selected award recipient(s) will be notified and invited to receive the award at the annual Admission of New Fellows and Awards Ceremony held during Pathology Update in February/March each year.

No award will be made in a year in which the standard of articles is not considered adequate. A joint award is possible in a year where the Editors are unable to distinguish between two articles of equal merit.