Guidance and further information: IPEM Roy Ellis Patient Benefit Award

The IPEM Roy Ellis Patient Benefit Award is awarded in memory of Professor Roy Ellis.

Regulations

1. The Roy Ellis Patient Benefit Award is open to all IPEM members (UK and overseas).
2. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by another member. IPEM will inform nominated candidates that they have been put forward for an award. The nominator can decide in the nomination form whether they wish for their details to remain anonymous.
3. The Roy Ellis Patient Benefit Award is awarded to any member for a specific piece of work or project that benefits patients. This may be directly, for example, designing a bespoke device or indirectly, for example, producing an information leaflet or providing advice on a website.
4. Applications/nominations for the Award can be made **until the 17th April 2026**.
5. Candidates or nominators should complete the application form and submit evidence to support the application, as detailed on the application form and in this guidance.
6. IPEM committees, led by the Board of Trustees (but not involving the Prizes and Awards Panel), will also be asked to nominate potential prize winners.
7. The IPEM Prizes and Awards Panel will review applications and decide the winners. All applicants/nominees will receive an email notifying them of the award outcome.
8. The name of the prize winner will be announced in August. Announcements will be made in IPEM's newsletter, on IPEM's LinkedIn page, and on IPEM's website. All unsuccessful candidates/nominators will be notified by email.
9. The prize winner will be invited to the conference dinner and social event at IPEM's Science, Technology, and Engineering Forum (STEF) to receive the award from the IPEM President or their delegate.
10. The candidate may only receive 1 of this award in their lifetime.
11. Rewards
    a. A certificate
    b. £250 personal award to be used in whatever manner the recipient deems fit
    c. An invitation to the conference dinner at STEF to receive the award from the President.
12. Condition of acceptance
    a. The prize awardee will be asked to provide a brief paragraph and photo to be used in IPEMs media channels. Further details will be communicated when winners are notified.
    b. The prize-winner must be prepared to write a 1000-word article in Scope related to their work for submission by the end of September in the year of the award.

Application

1. The candidate or their nominator can fill in the form.
2. If the application is a self-nomination, details of a supporter (person in or outside applicant's department) should be given.
3. If the application is a nomination, the nominator should indicate on the application form whether they consent to their name being shared with the candidate.
4. The citation should describe, in up to 500 words, what significant contribution the candidate has made to benefit patients.

5. Examples of significant contributions may include:
   - Direct benefits, e.g., designing a bespoke device
   - Indirect benefits, e.g., producing an information leaflet or providing advice on a website.
6. It is strongly encouraged that relevant evidence is submitted to substantiate contributions the candidate has made as this will enhance the application. Evidence could include, but is not limited to, supporting statements.

Criteria against which the application will be assessed

1. Has the made a substantial and sustained contribution that benefits patients, directly or indirectly.
2. Does the application citation and supporting documentation demonstrate and independently evidence the candidate's significant contributions as outlined above.