

## Sir Arthur Thomson bursaries for MBChB elective study

**(funding up to £2000)**

**Aim:** The Trust wishes to support able and talented students who have planned to undertake a high quality research-based project during their elective period in their penultimate year. The awards, each of £ 500, should be regarded as significant prizes.

**Award outline:** The Trust will offer up to 4 awards to students who have demonstrated their ability in the earlier parts of the programme and have planned a high quality project. Quality projects might, for example, enable the student to make a positive impact in the health needs of an area, provide understanding of the health care system in a country or provide skills and experience which will materially assist in their career. A talented student will be expected to have a broad perspective, a detailed knowledge of the specific area of their study, and have clear ideas of how they will achieve their objectives. Projects which give rise to quantitative data are preferred over those leading to reflective reports.

**Selection Process:** The academic lead for the elective programme will announce the timing of applications to the cohort and indicate how the conditions of the awards will be implemented in consultation with the chairman of the Trust.

**Length and Value of the award:** The elective period is 6 weeks and the student should spend **at least 4 weeks** on the project. The total sum available is up to £2000 to provide a maximum of four awards each of £500. Each award should be considered as a competitive prize to assist with expenses arising from the period of study. The student should be able to indicate why they will need such a sum but will not have to itemise expenditure. Payment of the award will be through the College.

### Conditions of Award:

- a) Students will submit a brief report to the Trust on their elective experience within two months of their return to the College.
- b) If a student terminates the project prior to 4 weeks then the Trust should be informed with reasons for the withdrawal. The Trust reserves the right to reclaim monies paid which have not been used for the purposes for which the award was made;
- c) the Trust expects to receive a written note from the account signatory in sufficient detail to confirm that funding has been disbursed within the conditions of the award:
- d) the Trust must be informed if other sources of funding are acquired for the same purpose;
- e) any publications arising from the research should acknowledge the support of the Trust and the Trust should be informed.;
- f) The Trust wishes to follow the careers of those who receive Trust awards and expects the student to agree to their email contact details being provided to the Trust by the Alumni Office.