

and not less than one year or its part-time equivalent in the area of special interest.

Candidates for joint posts should have undertaken not less than eighteen months in each of the disciplines.

(h) *Special Hospitals*

While most consultants in Special Hospitals will be forensic psychiatrists trained in approved posts, those trained in general psychiatry or in mental handicap with a special

interest in forensic psychiatry could well contribute to the work of a Special Hospital. The consultant with a special interest in forensic psychiatry should have held an approved post for at least one year. With both, the forensic psychiatry and special interest posts training experience in a related field should be given due weight. It is important that the specialty and the special interest contribution are clearly identified before hand and that these are reflected in the job description.

College Prizes, Medals and Travelling Fellowships

Gaskell Medal and Prize

This is considered to be one of the foremost academic distinctions in psychiatry. The Prize, value £500, is awarded on the results of an annual examination, which will be held next in May/June 1987. Candidates should be qualified medical officers with a minimum of two years' service in mental hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the British Commonwealth; they should be between 23 and 35 years of age and possess the MRCPsych or any other degree or diploma in psychological medicine.

Application forms are obtainable from the Education Department at the College and should be completed and returned not later than 31 March 1987, enclosing an entry fee of £5.00, which is returnable to *bona fide* candidates.

Gillian Page Prize

A biennial award of £500 is made for an original piece of work in the field of adolescent psychiatry, which may take the form of a research project, a review of a particular topic or a study of some clinical innovation. Applicants must be Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant (or equivalent). Applicants must submit a title and short protocol of their project for approval by the Examiners at an early stage to ensure that it falls within the scope of the award. Final entries for the Prize should be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation with accompanying tables and figures. A collection of articles will not be accepted as a submission, but previously published work may be included if incorporated in the essay or dissertation. Final entries should be submitted to the Dean of the College by 31 March 1987.

Laughlin Prize

This Prize is awarded twice a year to the candidate who obtains the highest mark and the best recommendations from the Examiners in the Membership Examination. The value of the Prize is currently £250.

Research Prize and Bronze Medal

Entry for the Research Prize (value £500) is open to

Members or Inceptors of the College below the rank of consultant psychiatrist. The research should be presented in the form of an essay or dissertation, with tables or figures (not exceeding 10,000 words), may incorporate previously published work and may involve collaboration with other workers, provided that this is clearly indicated and attributed. Entries should be sent to the Dean of the College by 31 March 1987.

Squibb Travelling Fellowship

The Fellowship, present value £5,000, is awarded for travel abroad to one or two centres, and is open to Members of the College working in the UK or the Republic of Ireland of senior registrar or lecturer grade, or consultants within the first three years of their appointment. Applications, stating nature of study abroad, with confirmation from the host centre(s), should be sent to Dean of the College by 30 April 1987. (Full details of the Fellowship will appear in the *Bulletin*, January 1987).

Woodford Williams Prize

The Prize, value £300, is offered every three years commencing in 1988 for research under the broad heading of prevention of dementia (including primary, secondary and tertiary prevention). Applicants must be Members of, or Associates with, the College. Research involving collaboration between workers may be submitted, and the submission should indicate which parts were undertaken by each worker, and should include a statement to this effect signed by all collaborating workers. A summary (200–500 words) of the proposed submission should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March 1987. Final submissions, in the form of an essay or dissertation (between 10,000 and 30,000 words, including figures and tables), together with a curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications, must be submitted to the Dean by 31 March 1988. (Full details of the Prize appeared in the *Bulletin*, September 1986, 10, 9.)

Further details of all Prizes and Fellowships are obtainable from the Education Department at the College.