



Education Research Committee

Aim The **ERC** will inspire and support researchers to advance the science and scholarship of medical education for the benefit of learners, educators, patients and wider stakeholders

Objectives

- To:**
- 🔥 Promote a culture of medical education enquiry and research.
 - 🔥 Build research capacity through:
 - Supporting the development of medical educators' research skills
 - Facilitating the development of research networks.
 - 🔥 Enhance the profile of medical education research through:
 - Providing opportunities for dissemination of the outcomes of research
 - Raising the profile of medical education research within and beyond our communities of practice.

We shall achieve these objectives primarily through:

- 🔥 Organising and hosting the annual Researching Medical Education conference.
- 🔥 Engaging with and supporting the Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 🔥 Establishing and sustaining collaborations with other organisations interested in promoting education research.
- 🔥 Strengthening regional and national educational research networks.
- 🔥 Promoting research quality through our reviewing of grant applications to **ASME**.

Events

The **ERC** runs a variety of events throughout the calendar year, particularly during the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) and also runs the annual Researching Medical Education (RME) conference each November. All our events are accredited for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points via the Royal College of Physicians (London).

For more information, email erc@asme.org.uk or visit our website for a list of all membership benefits and details of how to join online.

asme.org.uk/erc



What is involved with contributing to the ERC?

If you are interested in contributing to the **ERC** you would be required to attend approximately 3-4 group meetings each year (held in the UK) and be expected to contribute to the work of the group by reviewing the various grants, fellowships and awards that are offered by **ASME** via the **ERC**.

ERC Awards

Small Grants

ASME invites Members (including undergraduate medical student members) to submit a description of a research study or evaluation of an innovation in teaching in the field of medical and healthcare education. Some educational research projects or teaching innovations often require modest amounts of funding to cover expenses such as focus group attendance, travel, and simulated patient fees and these grants are intended to assist these projects. **ASME** welcomes submissions from new researchers.

Research Paper Award (RPA) (formerly Best Original Research Paper Award)

The **ERC** has created an award in recognition of the best original research submitted to the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). Those wishing to be considered for the award are invited to submit an extended abstract of no more than 800 words, detailing their work at the point of abstract submission to the ASM conference. Please note that only **ASME** members are eligible to apply for the **ERC** Research Paper Award. Unsuccessful applicants for this award will still be considered for acceptance as an oral or poster presentation at the ASM.

ASME/GMC Excellent Medical Education Awards

In response to recognition of the need for further research-based evidence related to medical education and training, through supporting capacity building and increasing the volume of high-quality medical education research, the “Excellent Medical Education” Programme is a set of national prizes established jointly by **ASME** and the GMC and are intended to fund high-quality medical education research, development and innovation. Applications using quantitative or qualitative, established or innovative methods will be welcome from **ASME** members based in the UK, provided their organisation is capable of fulfilling the role of a research sponsor.

To find out more about **ERC** please email erc@asme.org.uk

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