

SSO/SEF Gold Medal in Ophthalmology

**Faculty of Medicine
National University of Singapore**

Students' Gold Medal and Book Prize Terms of Award

Proposal

The SSO/SEF Gold Medal in Ophthalmology shall be awarded annually to the medical student who in the assessment of the committee has scored the highest percentage in an examination to be set by the committee. In the event that no student has reached the required standard, there shall be no award for that year.

Eligibility

The cohort eligible shall be the group of medical students posted to SGH and NUH during the University academic year.

Selection of Candidates

Shortlisting of candidates can be by the following means.

1. Clinical groups posted to SGH/NUH for the ophthalmic rotations are assessed by end of posting tests which in SGH consists of short questions and write ups. In NUH assessment consists of MCQ's and slide quiz's. The top student of each posting shall be invited to attempt for the gold medal.
2. Everyone in the cohort posted to eye during the academic year is eligible for the award. Everyone will be told that they are eligible and the date for the final assessment given.
3. The best student of each group shall automatically qualify as candidates for the award.

Timing for the assessment

It is proposed that the assessment be held at the end of the academic year.

Committee I/C of assessment

1. Head SGH (eye) or representative.
2. Chief NUH (eye) or representative.
3. Representative from SSO.
4. Representative from SEF.

Form of assessment

It is proposed to have fifty MCQ questions and 12 slides of common conditions (akin to those in the MRCP). Should there be a tie, then the decision will be judged by an oral question.

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Dear Dr Tseng

Gold Medal & Book Prize in Ophthalmology

Thank you for your letter dated 26 July 1989.

I am in general agreement with your Society's proposal, which has been endorsed by the joint donor, The Singapore Eye Foundation. However, I would like to draw your attention to the following points:

1. Our academic year begins in July and ends in June. The last Eye posting takes place in December. I would be preferable if they assessment could take place in December soon after the last Eye posting.
2. The adjudicating committee as spelt out in the rules for the award of the gold medal and book prize in Ophthalmology includes the Dean of Medicine and the Head of the University Department of Surgery besides those named on your proposed committee in charge of assessment. You may wish to include these two persons in your assessment committee so that your proposed assessment committee becomes the adjudicating committee as spelt out in the rules. This would obliterate one step in the administration of the awards otherwise the recommendations of your assessment committee would have to be transmitted to the adjudicating committee and then to the University Senate for approval.

Awards donated to the University for medical students are presented to the winners at a Faculty Welcome Tea for First Year Students in early July each year. A representative from each donor of the awards would be invited to the Tea.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,
Professor E P C Tock
Dean
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