



## **Severn Faculty RCGP & University of Bristol GPSOC**

### **Elective Bursaries for University of Bristol Medical Students undertaking Electives in the Primary Care setting 2026**

#### **Severn Faculty RCGP**

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) ([www.rcgp.org.uk](http://www.rcgp.org.uk)) is the professional membership body for family doctors in the UK and overseas. The College is committed to improving patient care, clinical standards and GP training and works to shape the healthcare agenda in the UK and internationally.

The RCGP supports its membership through a network of local Faculties – the Severn Faculty supports over 1700 members, Fellows and trainees in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset and part of Wiltshire. Among its many activities, the Severn Faculty RCGP is keen to support University of Bristol medical students interested in pursuing careers in General Practice by supporting the University of Bristol's Primary Care Society (GPSoc).

#### **Severn Faculty RCGP and GPSOC Medical Student Elective Bursaries 2026**

The RCGP Severn Faculty are pleased to offer funding for two Elective Bursaries of £250. The Bursaries aim to encourage and support Final Year students at the University of Bristol to undertake an Elective in Primary Care.

To be eligible for these Bursaries, the Elective should have a strong emphasis on Primary Care and community-based healthcare provision, though this may include a variety of activities and/ or settings. Examples may include (but are not limited to) improving access to health care, working with minority or 'hard to reach' groups (for example migrant populations, people who misuse drugs), health promotion and illness prevention, as well as working in Primary Care centres in any country.

#### **Selection Criteria and Process**

Applications are invited from Final Year medical students undertaking their Electives in 2026.

Application is by short written submission of no more than 500 words. Selection of winners will be on the basis of:

- Your reasons for choosing your Elective plans
- Evidence of benefit to local Primary Care provision in your host organisation/ country
- Evidence of benefit to your personal development and Primary Care in the NHS

Please also include a covering page including your name, email address and a brief outline of your Elective plans (not included in the word limit).

Once all applications have been received, a Panel comprising University of Bristol GPSoc representatives and Severn Faculty RCGP will review the anonymised applications against the above criteria.

**Submitting your application** – Please submit your application to Jane Lohmann, Severn Faculty administrator by email to [severn@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:severn@rcgp.org.uk). Please ensure that your email subject title is “Severn GPSoc Elective Bursary application 2026”.

The **deadline** for submission is midnight on **Monday 25 May 2026**.

### **Bursary Recipients**

Bursary recipients will be notified of their success as soon as possible, ideally within two weeks of the application deadline.

On return from their Elective, the successful students will be asked to provide a short report on their experiences during their Elective which will be published in the Severn Faculty faculty fortnightly/quarterly email circulated to GPs in the Severn Faculty region of RCGP. They will also be **required** to give a short presentation on their Elective at the Autumn GPSoc meeting and a short talk at the Severn Faculty RCGP in-person board meeting which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11 November 2026 at the Mercure Bristol North The Grange Hotel, Winterbourne, Bristol, in the evening from 6.30pm (including a hot buffet). They should therefore ensure this date is in their calendar and also ensure that they will be available to attend these meetings. They would be required to book their place at the Severn board meeting if awarded a bursary.

If you have any queries, please email the Severn Faculty RCGP – [severn@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:severn@rcgp.org.uk).

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