

## MACP Elsevier Award 2018 report

I was thrilled to be awarded the the MACP Elsevier Award in 2018 for the sum of £2580.00, which would go on to help me with one of my five PhD studies, a randomised controlled trial (RCT). I was awarded my PhD in 2021.

The award was in the end used rather differently than I had initially intended due to some difficulties with recruitment, as you will read below.

Due to the difficulties with recruitment for the RCT the honorarium for participation was increased from £10 per participant to £30. The dictaphone I was able to afford with the MACP Elsevier award proved to be a mid-range, highly reliable device that I went on to complete other studies with. The RCT the award was originally wholly intended for was published in the journal *Musculoskeletal Science and Practice*, in 2020, '*The effect of pain neurophysiology education on healthcare students' knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards pain: A mixed-methods randomised controlled trial.*' Mankelow et al, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.msksp.2020.102249> I made sure to include in the publication acknowledgement the role of both MACP and Elsevier towards funding for the project.

Then, the remaining sum of £1245.01 was originally earmarked for attendance at the 2020 IFOMPT conference however the conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. This sum was then used to pay for part of a publication in *BMC Medical Education* entitled '*An exploration of primary care healthcare professionals' understanding of pain and pain management following a brief pain science education*', Mankelow et al, 2022. The remaining portion of the paper was funded by Teesside University and a travel award from MACP. This paper was presented in poster presentation format at the International Association for the Study of Pain Conference in Toronto in September 2022 and MACP Elsevier's award was cited. The published paper acknowledged MACP's Elsevier Award.

Thank you so much MACP for awarding me the Elsevier Award but also for being so flexible in the use of it. It was probably a bit of an administrative nuisance that took a long time to come to a conclusion but your flexibility and understanding of research processes was invaluable.

I hope to be able to access post-doctoral funding to develop upon my PhD work from different sources and MACP, which will continue to build upon MACP's collaboration with other healthcare bodies.