

Mölnlycke Wound Academy Scholarships

Applications for both the experienced and novice practitioner categories are invited from all disciplines involved in wound-care. In addition to a scholarship being awarded, up to two highly commended prizes of £500 will be awarded in each category. This award will give practitioners a structured support and development programme with a dedicated educational element, provided both by Academy members (at for example, a half-day or full-day education day) or via an accredited module of a post-graduate wound-care course to the value of the prize money.

Scholarship winners will be invited to join the Mölnlycke Wound Academy and make a positive contribution to the Academy and their colleague's development. Experienced practitioners will have the opportunity to mentor other scholarship winners and help direct the future of the Academy, whilst novice practitioners, after a period of support from members of the Academy, will in turn be able to mentor new members.

There are a number of criteria for entry in each category:

Experienced practitioner

Entrants must have a minimum of two years in wound care, but can be from practice, education, or research and from any profession involved in the discipline.

It is envisaged that the focus of entrants objectives will be managerial/strategic rather than clinical in order to embrace the philosophy of a scholarship and to reflect the fact that experienced practitioners are in a unique position to help drive forward, develop and evaluate the role of the TV practitioner to ensure its survival. These objectives will have been discussed with the direct line manager, the chief nurse and chief executive and be in line with organisational strategic objectives.

Novice practitioner

Entries for this category will be open to those who have been involved in tissue viability, in a substantive post – i.e. at least 75% of their time is related to wound care- for less than two years.

Winners will use the scholarship to either develop an aspect of practice or towards an

academic unit(s) of tissue viability- related study. If the former, the winner will identify an area where this aspect of practice is currently being explored or implemented and where possible, visit the area. Information gleaned from such a visit would help inform implementation strategies for their own area. Again, objectives will have been discussed and agreed with the line manager and be in line with organisational objectives.

Winners

Winners will be asked to provide a quarterly update (via the Academy Bulletin and their organisations internal communication structures) throughout the year.

Within three months of completion, the winner will write an article for publication that will relate directly to the work undertaken with the scholarship funding.

All entries

Along with general biographical details, entrants will be required to outline how they would use the Scholarship, particularly in relation to the category entered.

A signature from line-manager or other senior manager would be required. This would ensure that the winner receives support from their organisation as well as from the Academy. In addition, as a condition of entry, a signed commitment to writing up progress and working to a publication would be required. Short-listed applicants would be required to attend interview and give a short presentation.

Entry forms can be obtained by:

- Downloading a form from
www.molnlycke.co.uk
- By emailing:
woundacademy@molnlycke.com
- By contacting the hotline on
0800 731 1876
- By contacting your Mölnlycke
area sales representative