

wound academy Scholarships

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These scholarships are a reflection of the Academy's commitment to wound care education and provide wound care practitioners with the opportunity for professional development. These new awards are underpinned by expertise within the Academy gained over a number of years of supporting scholarship programmes.

Since 2002 when the Scholarships were first launched, some fourteen practitioners from various disciplines have benefited on both a personal and professional level from support offered by the programme. This year, the Scholarship programme will be guided and supported by the Scholarship Review Panel. This panel comprises:

- Mark Collier – previous Scholarship winner
- Julie Evans – previous Scholarship winner
- Brenda King – previous Scholarship winner
- Trudie Young – Academy member
- Deborah Glover – Advisor to panel

Applications for both the Experienced and Novice practitioner categories are invited from all disciplines involved in wound-care. In addition to a £1500 scholarship being awarded, up to two highly commended prizes of £500 will be awarded in each category, which 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 Care 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.

Timetable

The 2007/08 Scholarships will be officially launched at Wounds-UK, Harrogate, November 2007. Members of the review panel and Mölnlycke staff will be available on the stand to discuss any aspects of the process. 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

How to Enter

All entries

Entrants can be from practice, education or research and from any professional involved in the discipline.

As a condition of entry, a letter of support from your line manager will be required and winners will be asked to provide a quarterly update of their progress via the Academy Bulletin and their organisations internal communication structures throughout the year.

All short-listed applicants would be required to attend interview and give a short presentation.

Experienced practitioner

Entrants must have a minimum of two years in wound care. The focus of your Scholarships 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 your direct line manager, the chief nurse and chief executive and be in line with organisational strategic objectives.

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.

Your application should be in this format:

- Name and job title
- Organisation you work in
- How long you have been in post.
- Tissue viability career achievements to date
- An outline of the objectives you hope to meet as a result of the professional and personal development gained from winning the Scholarship and how these will benefit your patients, your organisation and the discipline itself. Please provide as much detail as possible.
- An outline of how you will mentor and develop other practitioners in your organisation in terms of wound-care.

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 your 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. Objectives will have been discussed and agreed with the line manager and be in line with organisational objectives.

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.

Your application should be in this format:

- Name and job title
- Organisation you work in
- How long you have been in post and how you currently contribute to wound care in your organisation
- An outline of the objectives you hope to meet as a result of the professional and personal development gained from winning the Scholarship and achieving these will benefit your tissue viability career
- How this will impact on patient care

The scholarships are open only to UK and Eire residents.

Entries must follow the guidelines for the category submitted.

Entries will not be returned, so please retain a copy.

Please submit your entry by email to woundacademy@molnlycke.com. Entries may also be submitted on a 3.5" disk, CD ROM or on paper (should be typed, double-spaced, on A4 paper) and sent to Wound Academy, Molnlycke Health Care, Arenson Centre, Arenson Way, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU5 5UL .

Closing date: 15 February 2008

Short listed candidates will be required to attend an interview in mid-March 2008 and awards will be presented in April 2008.

Rules

1. Employees of Mölnlycke, the members of the Scholarship Review Panel or other associated individuals are not permitted to enter.
2. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

