



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CURRIERS OF THE CITY OF LONDON

MILLENNIUM TRUST

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THE CURRIERS' HEALTHCARE BURSARY 2011

The Bursary provides an opportunity for primary health care professionals to enhance the health care of families and children in Inner London who, through socio-economic deprivation or other adverse social factors, are at high risk of physical and psychological illness. The Bursary provides funding for either, pilot research projects or further personal development. In the case of a research study, the Bursary could support a pilot or feasibility study, undertaken as a prelude to a more definitive research project, by providing protected time for the researcher or short-term funding for a research assistant. In terms of training, the Bursary can support candidates who are able to make a convincing case for undertaking a course of training or study likely to benefit their patients. Examples might include a Master's Degree in Primary Care, relevant clinical training to acquire new skills or other recognised post-graduate and post-qualification courses.

Applications are to be submitted using the form downloadable from the Curriers' Company website. Applicants are required to supply full curriculum vitae, including their date of birth and details of professional qualifications. A written statement in support is required from the applicant's current manager, which should make clear what time will be made available for the applicant to conduct the project. The application form requires a synopsis of any proposed research study, with particular reference to the background literature on which the research is based, clearly-stated objectives, a realistic timetable for the project and a clear indication of how any pilot study will translate into a larger research project. Any alternative sources of funding must also be declared.

The Bursary can be worth up to £8,000 but any award over £3,000 would normally be paid over 2 years. Payment of the first instalment will be conditional on the successful grant of ethical approval where required by the appropriate health authority. Payment of the 2nd instalment will be conditional on the timely receipt of a satisfactory mid-term progress report. On completion of their course of study or research, Bursary recipients will be required to provide a final report to the Worshipful Company of Curriers of the outcome of their work, with an account of how the bursary monies were expended. The Trustees would also ask for a copy of any material published on completion of the work.

The Secretary of the Trustees (below) should receive completed applications not later than 31st March 2011; informal enquiries are also most welcome. Short-listed applicants will be invited for interview in a date in May 2011 in the City of London. The Selection Panel will comprise the Trustees and professional advisers chosen specifically to advance the objects of the Bursary. They will consider the merits and feasibility of the proposed course of study or research proposal.

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Previous bursary awards made since the inception of the Trust are as follows:

- 2000 A pilot scheme clinic jointly with a Well Family Worker in order to assess the effectiveness of introducing an integrated family mental health programme within primary care. *(GP - Stoke Newington)*
- 2001 An exploratory study in order to determine whether integrating a child and families social worker within a primary health care team could be an effective and acceptable way of identifying, and delivering services to, children 'in need'. *(GP - Kentish Town)*
- 2002 No bursary awarded.
- 2003 Research leading to a PhD on treatment of TB amongst the homeless *(TB Specialist Nurse)*
- 2004 Two awards to practitioners in East London boroughs:
- ◆ A course of study in Psychodynamic Counselling. *(Paediatric Physiotherapist)*
 - ◆ Research into depression and suicide rates amongst young British Asian women. *(Community Nurse & midwife)*
- 2005 Pilot scheme clinic for screening and promotion of men's health in deprived area. *(Community Nurse)*
- 2006 Research into incidence and effects of alcohol abuse amongst those suffering learning disability (in all London boroughs) *(2 Learning Disability/Psychiatric nurses - unfortunately, this study did not gain ethical approval and was abandoned.)*
- 2007 Three awards were made:
- ◆ Pilot study of an internet-based intervention for teenage sexual health *(GP)*
 - ◆ Study of the introduction of QFT-G in the diagnosis of TB. *(TB specialist nurse)*
 - ◆ Pilot study: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy amongst patients without English as first language. *(Mental health nurse)*
- 2008 Two awards:
- ◆ A health literacy project to improve access to pre/post-natal healthcare for traveller women (Hackney) *(Registered Nurse & Literacy Officer)*
 - ◆ A speech and language skills study amongst children who do not have English as a first language. (Tower Hamlets) *(Speech & Language Therapist)*
- 2009 Three awards:
- ◆ Part of a multi-phase study involving people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). *(Public Health Resarcher & Consultant Respiratory Physician)*
 - ◆ A study of Cancer Survivorship Care in USA to inform a pilot project at Bart's Hospital *(Consultant Physiotherapist & Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist)*
 - ◆ Two training courses, each for 16 for Health Care Assistants working in the community on palliative care patients and end-of-life needs. Graduate Nurse, Head of Education, Saint Francis Hospice