



The Bursary provides an opportunity for established primary health care or public health professionals to enhance the health care of individuals, 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. **Please note that that the Bursary cannot be awarded to fund any undergraduate course of study or other training leading to an initial healthcare qualification.**

Applications may only 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, as an integral part of that form. 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 £10,000 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. A mentor or supervisor of the project is also required to be nominated. The Curriers' Company's support must be acknowledged in any material published on completion of the work and a copy thereof submitted to the Secretary (below).

The Secretary of the Trustees (below) should receive completed applications not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March; informal enquiries are also most welcome. Short-listed applicants will be invited for interview in mid-May 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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