

The Bursary Process:

- ◇ Applications may be for a bursary of up to £10,000 (spread over 2 years).
- ◇ A supervisor of the programme of research, project or course must be appointed.
- ◇ Completed application forms must be received by 31st March.
- ◇ Short-listing of applications takes place during April.
- ◇ Final Selection Panel by a panel of Trustees and specialists held in May.
- ◇ Successful applicants are normally informed on the same day.
- ◇ Ethical approval for research studies must be obtained before any funds can be paid.
- ◇ Where a bursary is to be paid in two tranches, a mid-term report is required before the second instalment is released.
- ◇ A final report is required, to include an account of how the bursary money has been spent.
- ◇ Advice can be provided on the subsequent publication of papers.
- ◇ Each bursary winner will be invited to attend a Curriers' Company dinner in the City of London during the term of their bursary.



The Worshipful Company of Curriers is one of the most ancient of the 108 Livery Companies of the City of London. Originally a trade guild of producers of leather, it is now a modern fellowship supporting the United Kingdom's leather industry and promoting excellence in design, fashion as well as leather production. With no previous background in healthcare, the Company established the Curriers' Millennium Healthcare Bursary in 2000.

Contact details

Further information about the Curriers' Millennium Healthcare Bursary and how to apply are obtainable at:

www.curriers.co.uk/bursary.html

If you would like to discuss a possible application, please call the Honorary Secretary to the Trustees, who will be happy to answer any questions on the subject. However, please download and read the Notes for Applicants first.

Similarly, if you would like to make a donation to the Curriers' Millennium Trust please contact:

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**Curriers'
Millennium
Healthcare
Bursary**



Primary Healthcare Funding to:

- ◆ *Develop your service...*
- ◆ *Conduct research...*
- ◆ *Improve your patient care...*
- ◆ *Further professional qualifications...*

**Bursaries worth up to
£10,000 over two years.**



"Without the bursary, I would never have been able to reach my goal"

*Evonne Harding, TB
Specialist Nurse*

The Bursary provides an opportunity for established primary health care professionals to enhance the health care of disadvantaged individuals & families in Inner London. It can:

- ◆ Provide funding for either, small research projects or further personal development.
- ◆ Support a pilot study, prior to a more definitive research project, by providing protected time for the researcher or short-term funding for a research assistant.
- ◆ Fund further training or study likely to benefit the applicant's patients. Examples might include a Master's or Doctorate in Primary Care, relevant clinical training or other recognised post-graduate and post-qualification courses.

The following are all examples of projects funded by the Curriers' Company Healthcare Bursary - a funding opportunity for primary healthcare professionals to improve the delivery of healthcare to the disadvantaged communities of Inner London.

- ◆ A holistic approach to the referral of refugees with mental health problems.
- ◆ Improvement in the delivery of treatment for TB amongst the homeless.
- ◆ A study of language skills of multi-ethnic children in East London.
- ◆ Improving primary care workers' responses to Intimate Partner Violence.
- ◆ Ante-natal care for traveler women settled in Hackney.
- ◆ An audit of mental health issues amongst South Asian women in Tower Hamlets.
- ◆ A series of training courses in palliative care for hospice and community care workers.

Read what some of our past Bursary winners have to say about what their awards meant to them:

2004 - Sharin Baldwin, QN, MSc. (At the time of award: Health Visitor, City & Hackney. Now professional Lead for Health Visiting & School Nursing, Harrow and studying for a Doctorate in Nursing.)



"My Curriers' Millennium Bursary in 2004 enabled me to carry out a research project as part of an MSc in Community Health and contributed to both my career and academic progression. I was subsequently promoted to a more senior position where I was able to implement some of the recommendations made by my study and went on to publish my

research in an international academic journal. I am now undertaking a Doctorate in Nursing. I am indebted to The Worshipful Company of Curriers for making this happen, and I hope that other healthcare professionals take full advantage of this fantastic opportunity!"

2007 - Dr Julia Bailey, PhD, MSc, MRCGP, MBBS (General Practitioner & now Senior Clinical Lecturer, University College London)



"The Curriers' Millennium Bursary enabled me to run five focus groups with teenagers to learn their ideas on the content and design of a website for sexual health. This invaluable ground work led on to a large Medical Research Council grant to develop the 'Sexunzipped' website, which helps teenagers to make informed decisions about sexual health. The

Curriers' Company helped us right from the beginning."

2007 - Evonne Harding, BSc(Hons) (Head of Risk & Patient Safety, formerly Lead TB Nurse Specialist: Kingston PCT) (see front panel).

"I am grateful and appreciate the sponsorship received from the Curriers' Millennium Bursary at a time when I desperately needed the sponsorship. Having failed to secure sponsorship from 3 other organisations, the Currier's Millennium Bursary was open to support my Masters in Respiratory Care focused on Tuberculosis. The sponsorship received did not have to be ring fenced for one specific area and as anyone doing a Master's course can imagine there are lots of expenses involved in completing such a high level course while working full time. Without the sponsorship I would never have been able to reach my goal of completing my Masters which has opened a lot of new opportunities."

2008 - Gill Francis, MSc, QN (Specialist Community Practitioner/Health Inclusion Worker for Travellers and Gypsies, City & Hackney PCT)



"The Curriers' Millennium Bursary provided me with a great opportunity to embark on a project that would otherwise been out of reach. The project gave Irish Traveller women access to antenatal care in a timely fashion and built their confidence in dealing with health professionals during their pregnancy. The application

process was rigorous, nevertheless I would encourage anyone with a worthwhile project that is dear to their hearts, to go make an application. Securing the bursary greatly boosted my confidence and encouraged me to go on to do other things I'd never before considered, opening up new many opportunities for me."