

# THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CURRIERS

## MILLENNIUM HEALTHCARE BURSARY 2008

### A Funding Opportunity in Primary Healthcare

The Curriers' Company, which one of the 107 Livery Companies of the City of London, marked the beginning of the 21st Century in a number of ways, one of which was to establish a Bursary for primary healthcare 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 risk of physical and psychological illness. The Bursary provides funding for training courses and for pilot research projects. Applications are welcomed from any qualified practitioner in Primary Healthcare. Since its inception, the Bursary has attracted submissions from nurses, midwives, mental health workers, a pharmacist, a physiotherapist, an ophthalmologist as well as GPs. The following Bursaries have been awarded:

- 2000 Use of a reflective partner in clinical consultations with Kurdish refugees in East London *(GP)*
- 2001 The attachment of a social worker to a general practice in North London to work alongside clinicians with 'families and children in need' *(GP)*
- 2002 *(No award made)*
- 2003 Research on strategies for the treatment of TB amongst the homeless *(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)*
- 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)*

**The Bursary could be used to support a pilot or feasibility study, undertaken as a prelude to more a more definitive research project, by providing protected time for the researcher or short term funding for a research assistant.** It can be worth up to £10,000 and will normally be paid in 2 instalments; a satisfactory mid-term progress report will be required to qualify for the second instalment. Any award over £3,000 would be payable over a 2-year period. 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.

**Completed applications are required by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

Interviews of short-listed applicants will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in the City of London. For more information and downloadable application forms see:

[www.curriers.co.uk/bursary.htm](http://www.curriers.co.uk/bursary.htm)

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