



## UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network Nursing Prize

One nursing prize per year will be awarded to a research nurse involved in dermatology clinical trials in the UK. The purpose of this two year training award is to support dermatology nursing research activity and to strengthen the ties between the dermatology nursing community and the UK DCTN. The UK DCTN co-ordinating centre is based within the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology at The University of Nottingham, and is led by Prof Hywel Williams.

The prize, worth up to £1,500, will be composed of expenses to cover the activities listed below and you will be fully supported throughout the two year award by staff at the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre (mentoring support can be provided on request).

### Year One

1. All expenses paid to attend the 'Getting to Grips with Evidence-Based Dermatology' Course at Nottingham to understand the fundamentals of clinical trial interpretation and critical appraisal. The course is for 3 days, and the award will cover the course fees, accommodation and travel costs.
2. The further development of critical appraisal skills by working on a targeted reading curriculum with Professor Hywel Williams and other UK DCTN fellows. This will be conducted via e-mail and teleconferences along with time spent at the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre. You will be encouraged to discuss those articles that are selected for discussion at a local journal club and submit a commentary on an important critically appraised trial to the evidence-based section of *The Archives of Dermatology*. Please be aware that such teleconferences are likely to be held outside what you may consider to be normal working hours (typically 8am-9am or 5pm-6pm).
3. An opportunity to spend 3 days at the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network base to understand the structure and processes of organising a national trials network. This visit will also involve finding out more about other aspects of the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology (CEBD) such as the Cochrane Skin Group.
4. Join the UKDCTN Steering Committee and attend all relevant meetings (2 to 3 per year) as a participant, and all travel expenses will be covered (for the two year duration of the award).

### Year Two

1. The successful applicant will join a trial development team for a study in development to provide nursing expertise for a study. If preferred, alternative opportunities for research development can be pursued for example by joining a systematic review team with the Cochrane Skin Group based at the CEBD.
2. All expenses paid to attend the CEBD Annual Evidence Based Update Meeting. The

programme for this includes presentations by European experts in their field of recently conducted randomized controlled trials, clinical viewpoints and systematic reviews.

3. Continue with membership of the UK DCTN Steering Committee.

### **Eligibility**

- Any UK based nurse working in the fields of dermatology and clinical research. This can include as a member of a research team recruiting patients into a dermatology study, as a lead investigator or as part of a higher degree course.
- Please note you do not have to be a full time dermatology research nurse to qualify – if you spend just some of your time recruiting into studies you are still eligible to apply.
- Please note that in order to qualify for the award, you must be a member of the Network (membership of the UK DCTN is free).

### **How to apply:**

Please apply using the relevant application form which can be obtained from the UK DCTN website [www.ukdctn.org](http://www.ukdctn.org) or from the UK DCTN Network manager Carron Layfield.

### **All applications and informal enquiries should be made to:**

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Angela Steen, 2011-2012 UK DCTN Nursing Prize winner writes of her experiences below:

*"I have really enjoyed my time spent at Nottingham and have learnt a great deal during the duration of my award. I have been working in dermatology for 20 years now and winning the award gave me a new path to explore within my current role. There have been times when I have been out of my comfort zone but I think that is a good thing and have gained from this, although didn't realise at the time. The research nurses in Nottingham have given me some great tips on how I can manage studies within a smaller centre and I have incorporated these into my practice. The whole team at Nottingham are enthusiastic and motivated which rubs off on us when we have our visits and send us back to our clinical areas with renewed enthusiasm. I have always been an advocate of research taking place in normal clinical practice so I will continue to fly the research flag in North Wales and ensure our dermatology patients in District General Hospitals have the same access to studies as those in academic centres to improve outcomes for all."*

**The closing date for application is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with the award to commence December 2017.**