



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 research activity in dermatology by nurses in the UK 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, led by Prof Hywel Williams.

The prize, worth up to £1,500, will be composed of expenses to cover the following (for the two year duration of the award):

1. An opportunity to spend 2 - 3 days at the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre in order to gain experience in the management and conduct of clinical trials.
2. Attending the 'BEES Getting to Grips with Evidence Based Dermatology' course or another relevant course if more suitable (subject to approval by the UK DCTN Executive Committee).
3. Joining the UK DCTN Steering Committee which meets three times a year (one meeting is held as part of the annual BAD/BDNG meeting).

Eligibility

- Any UK based nurse working in the field of dermatology clinical trials as a member of a research team recruiting patients into a study, as a lead investigator or as part of a higher degree course. (In order to qualify, the research should be ongoing or have been completed within the last six months.)
- 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 or from the UK DCTN Network manager Carron Layfield.

All applications and informal enquiries should be made to:

Dr Carron Layfield,
UK DCTN Network Manager,
Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology,
University of Nottingham,
Kings Meadow Campus (Room A103),
Lenton Lane,
Nottingham NG7 2NR

Jane Grundy, previous UKDCTN Nursing Prize winner writes of her experiences below:

"Following my involvement in the Softened water eczema trial as a Research Nurse I was privileged to be awarded the UK DCTN Nursing Prize in 2010. I joined the SpR fellowship prize winners and spent three days at the Dermatology Trials Network base in Nottingham. The trial managers were all very friendly and welcoming and gave us an insight into all the current trials running at the network. We gained useful and practical information into running randomised controlled trials from conception to completion. We also spent a half day with Prof Hywel Williams developing our critical appraisal skills. This has led to an ongoing learning programme organised by the Professor who provides targeted reading for critical appraisal followed by a telephone conference discussion. Winning the prize has given me a unique opportunity to develop my critical appraisal skills and an in depth knowledge of the research process, which I am now able to use within my own work environment.

I would recommend any nurse working within dermatology to apply for this very unique and prestigious award."

The closing date for application is Friday 21st October 2011 with the award to commence December 2011.

