

The Allen-Carey Award of Excellence in Women's Health

Information for Applicants

Background:

The Allen-Carey Award of Excellence in Women's Health was established in 1998. The Allen-Carey Education Award supports unique training opportunities for specialized education in women's health. The purpose of the award is to provide unique training experiences that position exceptional individuals to succeed as future leaders in women's health.

Priority will be given to unique training opportunities such as an additional year of training associated with a fellowship program. In general, the award is not intended to fund fellowship training, preceptor experiences, or additional clinical training that could be offered as part of a residency training program.

Drs. Hugh Allen and Lewis Carey and their families started the award. The Award is administrated and supported by the London Health Sciences Foundation, the Women's Health Program at the London Health Sciences Centre, the Allen-Carey Board and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Western Ontario.

Training Opportunities:

The award will support unique training opportunities for one year in the following categories:

- 1) Specialized clinical training
- 2) Research training
- 3) Leadership training
- 4) Education training

Other women's health training opportunities may be considered if the candidate and training program are outstanding and fit with the objectives of the award. In such circumstances it will be helpful to demonstrate the impact on how the requested training program will positively impact the provision of women's health care.

Application Process:

Applications will be received and reviewed on a yearly basis. The deadline for receiving applications for 2012 will be February 1st. Applicants will be notified of a decision by April 1st, 2012. Applications should be submitted in electronic format (PDF file format) by e-mail to Kim Planques at the London Health Sciences Centre:

Kim.planques@lhsc.on.ca

Written correspondence and reference letters should be directed to: Kim Planques, Director of Women's Care, c/o The Women's Development Council at the London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Rd. E., London, ON N6A 4G5. Applications

will be screened by the Women's Development Council and forwarded to the Allen-Carey Board for adjudication.

If you require any additional information please feel free to contact Dr. Mark Carey at markscarey@gmail.com.

Application Information:

Applications should contain the following information:

- 1) A letter from the applicant outlining the proposed training experience and how this training experience is consistent with the goals of the award. (No more than 3 pages single spaced size 12 font).
- 2) Updated Curriculum Vitae.
- 3) Three reference letters. Reference letters should be sent directly from the referee separate from the application materials. Reference letters should not be disclosed to the applicant. References may be sent by e-mail with original copy to follow by mail.
- 4) If the applicant has a sponsor, the sponsor or an appropriate representative of the sponsor should provide a reference letter.
- 5) The applicant should provide one reference letter from an appropriate representative of the applicant's most recent training experience. (eg. program director if the applicant recently completed a fellowship.)
- 6) Applicants are encouraged to supplement the award with funding through their desired training program and/or a sponsoring institution or organization. The applicant should provide details of such additional funding.

Successful applicants are expected to provide a progress report 6 months after the start of their training and following completion of their training.

Funding:

Funding is for a proposed period of study starting July 1st of the year the funds are awarded to June 30th of the following year. The London Health Sciences Foundation will release funds to successful applicants. The applicant should indicate the timelines of the proposed training experience and provide justification if the proposed study period is different from the July 1 to June 30 timeframe.

In 2012, \$40,000 will be awarded this year from the Allen-Carey fund to the successful candidate.

Qualifications:

- 1) Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
- 2) Has passed or is eligible to write Royal College specialty exams in their discipline.
- 3) Additional information is on the London Health Sciences Foundation Website. (<http://www.lhsf.ca/hospital-priorities/current-fundraising-projects/women%27s-health-services/allen-carey-award>)