The Allen-Carey Scholarship in Women's Health

Information for Applicants

Background:

The Allen-Carey Scholarship in Women's Health was established in 1998. The Allen-Carey award supports unique physician training opportunities for specialized education in women's health. The award will support educational experiences for exceptional individuals in order to promote the development of future leaders in women's health.

Priority will be given to unique training opportunities such as an additional year of training associated with or following a fellowship program. Training experiences that immerse the applicant in a new and unique academic environment is encouraged as trainees benefit from the interactions and culture of special training environments. In general, the award is not intended to fund fellowship training, correspondence/distance training, preceptor experiences, or additional clinical training that could be offered as part of a residency/fellowship training program.

Dr.'s Hugh Allen and Lewis Carey and their families started the Scholarship. 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 Western University.

Training Opportunities:

The Scholarship 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

To provide context to the proposed training experiences, funding may be provided for a Master's or other specialty degrees. If applicants are pursuing a Master's degree, it will be important to describe how this training will position the applicant to use this training in their future career plans. For Master's degree training experiences, applicants should provide supporting evidence that their chosen program will lead to ongoing mentorship, program/institutional support, or research funding. With the benefit of the proposed training experience the applicant should provide examples (or outline) how their training will have a sustainable impact on improving patient care and/or promoting excellence in women's health. Evidence of institutional support by way of future funding and/or protected time to translate the new knowledge into enhanced patient care is very helpful.

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. Applicants who have not trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology may be considered. 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 the 2018 Scholarship competition will be November 15th, 2017. Applicants will be notified of a decision by January 31st, 2018.
Applications should be submitted in electronic format (PDF file format) by e-mail to Emily Williams, Director of the Women's Care Program, at the London Health Sciences Centre: Emily.Williams@lhsc.on.ca

Written correspondence and reference letters should be directed to: Emily Williams, Director of Women's Care, London Health Sciences Centre, 800 Commissioners Rd. E., London, ON N6A 4G5. Information may also be found on the London Health Sciences Centre Foundation web site at: http://www.lhsf.ca/allen-carey-scholarship-womens-health.

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) Applicants may 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.
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) If the applicant has a sponsor, the sponsor or an appropriate representative of the sponsor should provide a reference letter.

Successful applicants are expected to provide a short progress report during the course of their chosen training as confirmation that the awarded funds are being used as intended. Furthermore, the Board of the Allen/Carey Award would appreciate feedback from the candidate as to whether their training experience has met their expectations.

Funding

Funding is for a proposed period of study starting the summer or early fall of the year the funds are awarded for at least one year following the start date. 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 above time frame.

In 2018, $40-50,000 is available for the award and the funds will be used to support one or possibly two successful candidates.

Qualifications

1) Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
2) Applicants should have Royal College specialty certification and/or must be eligible to write Royal College specialty exams in their discipline.