

# The Allen-Carey Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynecology

## Information for Applicants

### **Background:**

The Allen-Carey Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynecology was established in 1998. The Allen-Carey Scholarship supports unique physician training opportunities for specialized education in obstetrics and gynecology. The intent of the award is to promote excellence in patient care and research and support the development of future leaders in obstetrics and gynecology in Canada.

Priority will be given to unique training opportunities such as an *additional* year of training associated with or following a fellowship/residency training program. Training experiences that immerse the applicant in a new and unique academic environment are encouraged, as trainees will benefit from the interactions and cultural experiences of new training environments. In general, the award is not intended to fund clinical residency/fellowship training or residency/fellowship research training experiences that are considered part of the usual residency/fellowship training program.

It is important to emphasize that the overarching goal of the training experience relates to improving the health of Canadian women and proposals should clearly address this goal. Proposals will be evaluated on how the training may result in the development of a Canadian resource to establish or significantly enhance Canadian clinical, research, or educational programs.

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 Obstetrics and Gynecology Program at the London Health Sciences Centre, the Allen-Carey Board and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Western University.

### **Training Opportunities and Qualifications:**

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 for the proposed training experiences, the award is intended to support specialized training that builds on more formal/traditional types of education. The proposed

training will preferably establish future career directions and/or programs that lead to better health for Canadian women and their communities. Funding is rarely provided for a Master's or other specialty degree, unless it can be demonstrated that an associated project will translate into a new program or health service. The Scholarship does not support correspondence/distance training, or preceptor training experiences.

For all training experiences, applicants should provide a clear project plan. It is important to highlight how the chosen program will lead to ongoing mentorship/institutional support, program development, research funding, and/or leadership development in Canada. The applicant should provide examples (or outline) how the proposed training will facilitate career development and provide perspective on the intended impact of the training for advancing obstetrics and gynecology in Canada. Evidence of institutional/departmental support by way of future funding and/or protected time to translate the new knowledge into better patient care is extremely helpful.

Other obstetrics and gynecology 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 is important to demonstrate how the proposed training program will improve the future of obstetrics and gynecology care.

### **Application Process:**

Applications will be received and reviewed on a yearly basis. The deadline for receiving applications for the 2025/2026 Scholarship competition will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Applicants will be notified of a decision by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Applications should be submitted in electronic format (PDF file format) by e-mail to Amanda Williams, Director Children's & Women's Obstetrical Antenatal and Triage, PPCU, Inpatient Gynecology, Regional Genetics Program, Outpatient Treatment and Surgical Services: [AmandaJ.Williams@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:AmandaJ.Williams@lhsc.on.ca). Reference letters may be included in the electronic application.

Written correspondence may be directed to: Amanda Williams, Director Children's & Women's Obstetrical Antenatal and Triage, PPCU, Inpatient Gynecology, Regional Genetics Program, Outpatient Treatment and Surgical Services, Room E3-640, 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](mailto: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) Two reference letters. Reference letters may be sent directly from the referee by email or included in the application.
- 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) Applicants are encouraged to provide one reference letter from an appropriate representative of the applicant's most recent training experience. (e.g., 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 2025/2026, \$50,000 is available for the award and the funds will be used to support the successful candidate.

## **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.