

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 Scholarship supports unique physician training opportunities for specialized education in women's health. The intent of the award is to promote excellence in patient care and research and support the development of future leaders in women's health 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 generally 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 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 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 to 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 generally 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 women's health in Canada. Evidence of institutional/departamental support by way of future funding and/or protected time to translate the new knowledge into better 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 is important to demonstrate how the proposed training program will improve the future of women's health care.

Application Process:

Applications will be received and reviewed on a yearly basis. The deadline for receiving applications for the 2021 Scholarship competition will be November 15th, 2021. Applicants will be notified of a decision by February 15th, 2022.

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: Amanda.Williams@lhsc.on.ca. Reference letters may be included in the electronic application.

Written correspondence may be directed to: Amanda 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) 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. (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 2022, \$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.