

## Media Release

### **Pharmacy Practice Research Trust announces more training bursaries for pharmacists and how to apply for a 2010 award**

Pharmacy practice research capacity has been further supported by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (the Trust) by the announcement of more Research Training Bursaries. Awards, totalling £27,000 from the second round of the 2009 programme have been made to four pharmacists who want to develop their skills in conducting research.

The bursaries are granted by the Trust to community or PCT pharmacists and the four aspiring researchers are:

- **Olufunmilayo Oduniyi:** Clinical Lecturer in pharmacy practice and locum  
Received award to complete a Masters in Public Health. Her dissertation will focus on community pharmacy based programmes in the prevention of diabetes.
- **Daniel Graham:** Pharmacy Manager, Derbyshire  
Received award to undertake MSc conversion in Clinical Pharmacy (Community) at Bradford University.
- **Elizabeth Bond:** Partnership Pharmacist, Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire Local Health Board  
Received award towards completion of an MA in leading, managing and partnership working at Thames Valley University. She plans to investigate models of pharmacy to enable seamless care of patients who are at high risk of admission or readmission.

**Roselyn Kankondo:** Pharmacy Manager and Teacher/ Practitioner, Rowland's Pharmacy  
Received award to undertake an MSc conversion in Clinical Pharmacy (Community) at Bradford University. Her research project will be to study the impact of MURs with a focus on asthma patients.

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Beth Allen, Acting Director of the Trust said: “This funding is vital to develop a research active profession to underpin the development of strong evidence base for pharmacy that supports the aspirations of future policy. The Trust is committed to supporting research capacity and over the last 10 years we have supported more than 60 pharmacists to develop their research skills and qualifications. We are pleased to support the commitment of these four pharmacists and hope that many more will follow suit in recognising the value of research in their own practice and in a wider professional context and apply for a grant in this year’s programme.”

The Trust has also announced that pharmacists working in the community can now apply for a 2010 Research Training Bursary. For further information go to: <http://www.pprt.org.uk/ResearchFunding/ResearchTrainingBursaries> The closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 and interviews will take place in early July.

Ends.

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**Note for editors:**

**1. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust Research Training Bursary Scheme** is intended to specifically support community or PCT pharmacists who have an interest in developing their skills in conducting research relating to everyday practice. The Trust has £40,000 funded by the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust to annually provide these bursaries. Bursaries are awarded for three levels of work:

- Level 1: Funding to undertake research modules and a small scale project
- Level 2: Funding to upgrade a Diploma in Clinical/Community Pharmacy to an MSc
- Level 3: Funding to undertake a non-pharmacy MSc that has relevance to and benefits the world of pharmacy

**2. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust**

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust was established by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of GB in July 1999 as an independent research charity with a broad objective to promote and develop the field of pharmacy practice research. Its trustees are drawn from senior health policy makers, leading academics, industry and retailers.

The Trust has invested around £2m in research; 30% supporting capacity building in pharmacy practice research and 70% on commissioned research. The Trust receives financial support from the Pharmaceutical Trust for Education and Charitable Objectives, the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust and the Galen Trust, as well as a gift in kind from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. For further information and to access reports of Trust commissioned research or for funding/grant opportunities go to: [www.pprt.org.uk](http://www.pprt.org.uk)