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PHARMACISTS INTERESTED IN RESEARCH CAN NOW APPLY FOR 2008 PRACTICE RESEARCH AWARDS

Pharmacists who want to start or develop a research career are being invited by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) to apply for a 2008 Practice Research Award.

The awards were set up to build research capacity in pharmacy practice and the Trust has granted 15 awards since the scheme was established. Research funded in 2007 is exploring such issues as pharmacist/patient communication, involving pharmacy students in quality assurance processes, a mental health trust pharmacist prescriber service and an oral nutritional assessment pilot study.

A total of £55,000 is available for a number of grants which are open to:

- those requiring funding between PhD and post doctoral grants;
- those requiring funding to go from MPhil to PhD;
- practitioners new to research; and
- PhD students requiring 'research costs' to enhance their PhDs.

The awards can also be used to fund new areas of research, for example, pre-pilot and feasibility studies that would not be considered by other funding bodies.

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There are two types of awards available:

1. **Galen Award** - one or more awards made annually to a total value of £10,000 funded by the Galen Trust.
2. **Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship** - one or more awards made annually to a total value of £45,000 funded by a grant from the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust in order to support research relating to community pharmacy.

Nicola Greenhill, currently a PhD research student at the School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham was awarded a £17,000 Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship grant in 2007 to undertake a qualitative study of pharmacist-patient communication in clinic consultations. "There is currently very little information available about the way in which pharmacists communicate with their patients and my study will explore what and how such communication is taking place" said Nicola. "I hope further research will build on my results of this study and contribute to new training programmes tailored to today's pharmacists and the challenges they face in general practice."

The deadline for all completed applications is 23 May 2008 and it is expected that interviews will be held on 2 July 2008 at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of GB's headquarters in London.

Further details, application forms and guidance notes for the practice research awards are available on the Awards and Scholarships section of the Society's website at

<http://www.rpsgb.org/societyfunctions/awards-scholarships/practiceresearchawards.html>

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