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Pharmacy Practice Research Trust announces research awards winners

The successful applicants for the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) 2007 practice research awards and bursary scheme have been announced.

Six awards totalling £58,000 have been granted to:

Miss Nicola Greenhill, School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham
£17,000 – Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship

Dr Raisa Laaksonen, Dept of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, University of Bath
£4,000 – Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship

Dr Rhian Jones, Welsh School of Pharmacy, Cardiff University
£5,800 – Galen Award

Mrs Claire James, Dundee Community Health Partnership, NHS Tayside
£4,200 – Galen Award

Mr Andrew Adams, Community Pharmacist and Senior Lecturer, University of Huddersfield
£5,000 Bursary Award

Mrs Karebor Ngwerume, Brocklehurst Chemist, Hull
£12,000 Bursary Award

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The Galen Award of up to £10,000 granted annually is funded by the RPSGB; the Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship of up to £45,000 is funded by the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust which also funds the Research Training Bursary Scheme up to £41,055 for 2007.

“High quality robust pharmacy practice research relies on having a highly qualified, knowledgeable and skilled research workforce,” says Sue Ambler, Director of the PPRT. “The purpose of the practice research awards and the bursary scheme is to develop this research capacity, as well as contribute to the knowledge base. This in turn achieves the Trust’s objectives of establishing a secure scientific basis for the profession and providing the information necessary to underpin future decisions on policy, practice and service development.”

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Notes to editors:

1. Award Winners

Miss Nicola Greenhill

School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham

An exploration of pharmacist-patient communication in clinic consultations: a qualitative study

“There is currently very little information available about the way in which pharmacists communicate with their patients. This study will explore what the current situation is and how pharmacist-patient communication is happening. It is hoped that further research will build on the results of this study and establish training programmes that are tailored to today’s pharmacists and the challenges they face in practice.”

Dr Raisa Laaksonen

Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, University of Bath

Involving pharmacy students in quality assurance processes – a pilot study

"This award will enable me to build on my existing experiences and expertise, to conduct research at a post-doctoral level and develop research skills and competence in new areas. I am particularly interested in exploring students' perceptions of development of teaching and curricula and this experience will enable me to develop expert networks with other schools and faculties of pharmacy and national pharmacy and healthcare bodies."

Dr Rhian Jones

Welsh School of Pharmacy, Cardiff University

An exploratory evaluation of the pharmacist prescriber service within a mental health trust

"This study will allow me to concentrate on one area of the pharmacist prescribing role in order to evaluate its implementation within a specific area. Pharmacist prescribing is a relatively recent development within the pharmacy profession. As such, this research is in a position to actually investigate the views of those involved and, most importantly from the patients' perspective."

Mrs Claire James

Dundee Community Health Partnership, NHS Tayside

Factors influencing a structured approach to oral nutritional assessment and monitoring: a qualitative pilot study involving patients and healthcare professionals in a Primary Care setting

"All areas of the pharmacy profession play an increasingly important role in understanding and improving the ways in which medicines are prescribed and used. This research will contribute to the understanding of how oral nutritional supplements are prescribed and used to ensure patient safety within a Primary Care setting."

Mr Andrew Adams

Community Pharmacist & Senior Lecturer, University of Huddersfield

MSc in Social Research & Evaluation, University of Huddersfield

"This award will contribute to my career by providing me with education and training in pharmacy practice research. The experience will also contribute to, and enhance my teaching role, particularly in the supervision of undergraduate research projects."

Mrs Karebor Ngwerume

Brocklehurst Chemist, Hull

MSc (by research) in Primary Care (Pharmacy), University of Aberdeen

"I intend to pursue my interest in OTC medicine and community pharmacy staff, their roles and development areas. From this research I see a potential to develop my expert role in OTC medication, its effectiveness and safe selling. The skills that I develop during the MSc will provide me with the expertise and qualifications to take an active role working with undergraduate pharmacy students whilst remaining based in community pharmacy."

2. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) was established in July 1999 by the RPSGB 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, industrialists and retailers. For further information email: practiceresearch@rpsgb.org

3. 2008 Practice Research Award and Training Bursary Scheme

The 2008 practice research award and training bursary scheme will be open for application in January 2008. For information email: practiceresearch@rpsgb.org