Medical Elective Scholarships

Paul Carman Scholarship
Philip King Scholarship
WB Macdonald Scholarship

Having offered the WB Macdonald scholarship for over 20 years, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children is now offering 3 medical elective scholarships for 5th year medical students doing an elective in an area of child health. The WB Macdonald Scholarship fund was set up in the 1980s principally with donations from individuals and groups across Australia in memory and recognition of the inaugural Professor of Paediatrics – WB (Bill) Macdonald. Professor Macdonald had a long term commitment to paediatrics in the developing world. Students have been funded for electives in child health in areas of need across the world.

With the tragic deaths of our colleagues, Philip King – paediatric surgeon and Paul Carman – paediatrician, Princess Margaret Hospital has agreed to fund two further annual scholarships for a period of ten years. These will recognise the contribution made by these two marvellous clinicians, mentors and teachers. Philip King was a strong contributor and supporter of paediatric surgical teams going to South East Asia. Paul Carman had a long and devoted role in providing paediatric services to the North of Western Australia.

Available from 2006, the scholarships will be as follows:

1. **WB Macdonald Scholarship – An area of unmet need**
   For an elective term (6 weeks or as required by the Faculty of Medicine Dentistry, and Health Sciences) in child health in a developing country or equivalent. Funds up to the value of $4,000.

2. **Philip King Scholarship – South East Asia Region**
   For an elective term (6 weeks or as required by the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences) in child health in South East Asia. Funds up to the value of $4,000.

3. **Paul Carman Scholarship – Indigenous Child Health**
   For an elective term (6 weeks or as required by the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences) in indigenous child health either in rural or remote Australia or in a suitable country with an indigenous health focus. Funds up to the value of $4,000.
Selection Criteria
1. Suitability of the elective to the scholarship according to the above descriptions

2. Written application including an essay (up to 1000 words) by the applicant on what their proposed elective will offer them and their development as medical students/future doctors

3. Academic achievement in medical school

4. Contribution to the medical school/health in general beyond academic achievement

5. Contribution to the community

Process
Responsibility for the organisation of the scholarships is with Postgraduate Medical Education, PMH. The scholarships will be advertised through the medical faculty, email/website and hospitals with fifth year students early each year. Application forms will be available (see below) and returned to the Administrative Assistant, Postgraduate Medical Education, PMH. Closing date will be 31 August each year.

Applicants will be ranked on criteria according to written application and the most highly ranked will be interviewed in September. Overall selection will be made on interview and written applications.

The selection panel will include representatives from Princess Margaret Hospital, the School of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

NOTE:
- There will only be one scholarship offered for each category, ie. scholarships will not be shared.
- Applicants may apply to more than one of the scholarships, however Postgraduate Medical Education and the selection committee reserves the right to determine for which of the scholarships the application is suitable to be considered.
- The decision of the selection committee is final.
- Recipients of the scholarships are expected to submit a written report of 1000 – 2000 words within three (3) months of their return to the Department of Postgraduate Medical Education, PMH. In addition, they will be required to perform an oral presentation about their elective. The time and venue for the presentation will be confirmed, but is likely to be at the WB Macdonald Oration and R C Godfrey respectively.

Application and Timing
Closing date for the scholarships for 2015 will be 12 noon Monday 31st August 2015.

Application forms are available from
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