BVNA LIFE-LONG LEARNER BURSARY 2020

In memory of Louise O’Dwyer, the BVNA are launching a “Life Long Learner” bursary, in reflection of Louise’s passion for education and ongoing learning to seek continuous enhancement of veterinary nursing practice.

The BVNA will contribute by providing 50% of a course fee, up to the value of £2000. For example, a total course fee of £3500 would attract a bursary of £1750. One bursary fund will be available each year.

Eligibility for the bursary will be assessed via:

1. Applicants must have been a member of the BVNA for at least 3 months prior to the closing date.
2. Proposal in the form of a 1000-word reflective report (referring to the criteria below).
3. Candidates will be shortlisted by the Head of Learning & Development and Education Manager, to a maximum of six to be presented to the Learning & Development committee.
4. The bursary winner will be selected by members of the Learning & Development committee, and will be invited to BVNA Congress to receive their prize.
5. The bursary winner will also be required to write a further reflective report following the completion of their course of study, to evaluate the experience and the impact on their clinical and professional practice. This report will be published as an article within the VNJ.

Candidates will need to demonstrate evidence of:

- Effective self-reflection and subsequent identification of relevant skills/knowledge gaps which has driven choice of relevant CPD since initial qualification
- How learned skills/knowledge from the proposed CPD course will be implemented within clinical practice

The proposed course of study will:

- Represent an opportunity to enhance VN career progression, and impact clinical and/or professional practice
- Be accredited by a recognised awarding body/organisation

Key dates and deadlines:

- 1 March – Open for applications
- 31 May – Proposal submission deadline
- 30 June - Shortlisting by Head of L & D and Education Manager; notification to candidates
- July BVNA Council meeting – Consideration by Learning & Development committee
- 31 August – Notification of application outcome, invitation to BVNA Congress (if applicable)
- October – Attendance at BVNA Congress (Saturday only)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Bursaries are intended to meet course fees only. This does not include any other costs i.e. travelling, subsistence or accommodation.

Successful applicants will be expected to complete the studies and training, or other purpose, for which the bursary is awarded. If the successful candidate does not use the bursary for the purpose intended, he/she will repay all monies to BVNA, or such proportion as the panel may determine. Each holder of a bursary should make a brief report to the panel at the conclusion of the studies/training etc, for which the bursary has been awarded.

Give a brief outline of the purpose for which the bursary is required. If you are planning to attend a course, you should describe the course (part-time, full time, modular, residential etc) state the venue, the date, the name of the course organiser and itemise course fees.
APPLICATION FORM FOR BVNA LIFE-LONG LEARNER BURSARY 2020

(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

First Name(s) ____________________________________________

Surname ________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

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Town __________________________________ County ________________

Postcode __________________________________________________

Daytime Tel ________________________________________________

E-mail ______________________________________________________

BVNA Membership Number ____________________________

STUDENTS

Student VN Number _______________ RCVS VN Number _______________

Course Provider __________________________ Date of Qualification __________

COURSE DETAILS

Title ______________________________________________________

Course Provider __________________________________________

Dates ______________________________ Cost __________________________

Course Content __________________________________________

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Signed ________________________________ Date ______________________

FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE INFORMATION AS STATED, COULD MEAN THAT YOUR APPLICATION FOR A BURSARY MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please return this form and your proposal/reflective report to:

The British Veterinary Nursing Association Ltd, 79 Greenway Business Centre, Harlow, Essex CM19 5QE

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