

Purpose of Award

The WDS Career & Community Advancement Award provides financial support for members for either career development or for development of community-based dermatologic activities.

Funds may be used:

- To acquire specific skills to enhance professional development through "hands-on" training or other educational activities;
- For the design and conduct of community-based dermatologic activities intended to enhance our understanding of dermatologic conditions;
- To promote dermatologic health and well-being.

WDS Mission

TO FOSTER, PROMOTE and **SUPPORT** women's issues in dermatology;

TO IDENTIFY, TRAIN, and **RECOGNIZE** women leaders in dermatology;

TO PROVIDE A FORUM for developing relationships through mentoring and building of coalitions;

TO PROVIDE A FORUM for the exchange of ideas and research relevant to women's issues;

TO PROMOTE the highest possible standards of ethics, support of research, patient care, patient education and public education.



The WDS Career & Community Advancement Award is supported by Galderma Laboratories.

To Apply

You may apply for the WDS Career & Community Advancement Award in one of two ways:

1 Send application to:

Women's Dermatologic Society
700 Fairfax Street, Suite 510
Alexandria, VA 22314

toll-free: 1-877-WDS-ROSE (937-7673)
tel : (571) 527-3115 fax: (571) 527-3105
email: wds@womensderm.org
www.womensderm.org

2 Apply online at:

www.womensderm.org



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Dermatology



Career

Community

Awards of up to \$10,000 to help members grow professionally to further contribute to the specialty and society

Career & Community Advancement Award

The WDS Career and Community Advancement Award encourages projects and initiatives focusing on community service, career enhancement, and advancement of the specialty of dermatology. Qualified projects may cover a wide range of member needs and interests. Some examples, drawn from activities previously initiated by WDS members, are shown below.



CAREER ENHANCEMENT/DERMATOLOGIC ADVANCEMENT FOCUS PROJECTS

To attend an executive education course or conference to help further develop professional skills in areas such as management, leadership, communications, research, etc.

To embark on a course of study at centers of learning for specialized training that is not provided through traditional means.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

To develop a community-based program. One example is providing free tattoo removal for former gang members and at-risk youth who want to “erase the past” and pursue a better life, in exchange for community service.



A second example is offering treatment in an impoverished region for those inflicted with a rare skin disease and to create an educational video documentary aimed at raising awareness and improving dermatologic treatment of the condition.

Guidelines and Criteria

- Applicant must be a member in good standing of the WDS for three (3) consecutive years; award applications must be focused on improving professional skills and/or improving knowledge of community-based dermatologic conditions or promoting dermatologic health.
- Awards will be designated for particular areas of professional skill development, infrastructure development, or goal-oriented projects. Examples of acceptable requests include but are not limited to the attendance of educational meetings or conferences and/or to support the development and implementation of community-based dermatologic health programs. Enduring projects are encouraged.
- Criteria for awards will include the merit of the proposal, the perceived need and the qualifications of the applicant. Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be from a WDS member. Documentation of requested course content may also be required.
- In the Statement of Purpose, applicants should identify the specific skills she/he wish to acquire and/or describe a community-based dermatology program and its specific goals and potential benefits to dermatology and the community in general.
- Applications must be submitted to the award program committee at least three months prior to the date of the project. Awardees are expected to attend the Annual Meeting to acknowledge receipt of the award.
- Up to \$10,000 will be awarded. An individual may only receive one award, regardless of identified need for additional programs or changes in career goals. However, under exceptional circumstances, the Committee will review applications for a second award (for maximal total award of \$15,000 to any member) if accompanied by a clear statement (with budget) explaining rationale for additional funding for the original project.
- Budgets may include request for reasonable travel expenses, tuition, and appropriate housing expenses necessary to complete training. Awardees may also request for reasonable equipment-related purchases that is strictly for the implementation of the planned program.
- Award is not intended to cover academic indirect/overhead costs.
- Awardees will provide WDS with a photo and a brief summation of project for publication in the WDS Newsletter within one month of the conclusion of the project. Projects may be featured at the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon.



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