The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

Rhino Elective

General

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries is delighted to announce a new sponsorship scheme for UK medical students undertaking electives.

Origins of the prize

In December 2017 the Society will be celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter by King James I. To mark this occasion, the Society is launching the Rhino Electives, offering a support grant to medical students who will undertake their electives in countries with a native rhinoceros population. Why the rhinoceros link? Early in its history the Society adopted the rhinoceros as its crest and emblem. This may have been due to the alleged medicinal properties of rhino horn (now known to be incorrect), or simply because they thought that it would make a fine heraldic animal.

In line with the 400th theme, the awards will be worth £400 each. In this first year 25 awards will be made.

Criteria for candidates

- Undertaking their electives in a country where there is/was a native rhino population.
- Within the three final years of their medical student training.

Submission

Entry for the elective will consist of completing this survey (goo.gl/2xfWfK), which asks candidates to:

- Answer 5 multiple choice questions about the Society of Apothecaries.
- Submit 300 words outlining their proposed elective and why they should receive the grant.

Selection

All applications will be considered by the 400 Committee of the Society of Apothecaries in January or February 2018. Grants will be awarded to those submitting the best applications. Successful applicants will be informed in late February and grants distributed at the beginning of March.

Prize

All successful applicants will be required to complete a 1,000 report about their elective, including photographs where appropriate. This report should be submitted to the Society within three months of the elective finishing. The author of the best report will receive a Prize Medal, to be awarded at a Society event.

Timetable

1st October: Applications open
31st December: Applications close
February: Successful candidates notified
1st March: Prize given
3 months after elective: Submission of report
January following year: Report prize given

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