

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries



Rhino Electives

General

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries is delighted to invite applications from UK medical students for sponsorship to support electives undertaken abroad.

Origins of the scheme

In December 2017 the Society celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter by King James I. To mark this occasion, the Society launched the Rhino Electives, offering support grants 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 second year up to five awards will be made.

Criteria for candidates

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

Submission

Entry for the elective will consist of completing [this survey](https://bit.ly/2N3aP5b) (https://bit.ly/2N3aP5b), 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 2019. 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 2018: applications open
31st December 2018: applications close
February 2019: successful candidates notified
Early March 2019: grants given
Within 3 months of the elective finishing: submission of report
January 2020: report prize awarded

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