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Mary Seacole Awards

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The Awards

The **Mary Seacole Awards** provide the opportunity to undertake a specific health care project, or other educational/development activity, that benefits and improves the health outcomes of people from black and minority ethnic communities.

There are two award programmes:

- The **Mary Seacole Leadership Awards** are up to £12,500 to enhance effective leadership and communication skills.

- The **Mary Seacole Development Awards** are up to £6,250 to develop leadership skills.
The aim of this award is to increase the capabilities of individuals in shaping the health of BME communities.

The development awards may be suited to those at the beginning of their service/research development career.

It is an opportunity to try out ideas for undertaking a project or other educational/development activity.
Leadership Awards

This award will be suited to those ready to take “the next step” in policy/service/educational development and innovation.

It requires the individual to influence development of healthcare at a service, policy or educational level, involving not just their own professional activities but those of others.

Their projects or the applications of the findings are far more wide reaching than the boundaries of their current place of work.
What support will you receive?

- A steering committee with representation from all the participating organisations will provide support and oversee the completion of the awards.
- Each awardee is allocated two “critical friends” to act as mentors who may also be part of the steering committee:
  1. One provides ongoing support and monitors progress during the award
  2. The second will provide advice and feedback relating to the academic/written quality of the award project and the project report in particular
- The awardee should also have support from their manager locally.
Benefits

- The award will support the awardee in their personal and professional development.
- The awardee will develop leadership skills and abilities, e.g., communication, presentation, project management, political astuteness, critical thinking skills, reflection, self-awareness skills, etc.
- It would add value and contribute to enhancing the health and life chances of BME patients/clients.
- The awardee will be a role model for Mary Seacole and will gain publicity and recognition for their project/research completed.
- Supervision and support in developing new skills.
Current Awardees

Marsha Jones
Project: Improving the postnatal care and experience for black and Asian women by exploring cultural competency and capabilities of health care workers at Newham hospital

Sonia Wijesundare
Project: Increase accessibility and improve health outcomes for Arabic population with type 2 diabetes in north Kensington through structured education
Applications

Applications for the 2012/2013 awards announced will close 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2012

Application forms with further details can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Chiefprofessionalofficers/Chiefnursingofficer/index.htm