

**The Rolling Stones / CPI Scholarship
for
The Advancement of Nursing Professional Practice
in Infection Control**

RNFOO now offers funding in three new areas for individual practicing health professionals, groups or organizations or individuals or groups for research in Ontario.

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Sars Memorial Fund

The SARS Memorial Fund for Infection Control Practitioners (ICP) is a tuition/certification/professional development reimbursement program funded by Molson Canada SARS Concert (2003) and supported by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) manages the SARS Memorial Fund. Initiated in January 2005, the fund provides grants to Infection Control Practitioners from any discipline to support them in advancing their knowledge to lead infection control practices within their health care settings. Grants can be applied to continuing education, certification/re-certification and professional development.

We are pleased to announce this year's award recipients:

Gail Fisher
Grand River Hospital

Faye Matthews
Halton Healthcare

Linda Richards
Joseph Brant Memorial
Hospital

Cynthia Newman
William Osler Health Centre

Nora Boyd
Bluewater Health

Jayshree Somani
Bridgepoint Health

Margie Foster
Grand River Hospital KWHC

Noel Belcourt
Ugunja Community
Resource Centre

Bernardine Cowperthwaite
Kingston General Hospital

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RESEARCH AWARDS

Prenatal & Parenthood Education Services Research Award (\$3,000)



Jo Watson - Jo is currently a doctoral student in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. Her clinical areas of interest are Perinatal Nursing, evidence based guidelines, interprofessional education and clinical trials. She hopes to combine her leadership skills in hospital administration with her academic interests to develop a program of research aimed at improving the quality of care provided to childbearing families.

Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group Research Award (\$5,000)



Sandra Goldsworthy - Sandra is a professor of Nursing in the Durham College/ UOIT BScN and critical care program. She is currently a PhD student at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. In addition, Sandra is the co-editor of a Medical Surgical textbook that was published in June 2006. She has authored publications in the areas of technology use in nursing education and critical care topics. Sandra has presented widely in the US and Canada and is looking forward to building future international research partnerships, particularly in the areas of novice nurse recruitment and retention, simulation education and critical care practice issues.

BACCALAUREATE LEVEL - BASIC

Elsevier Canada Book Award (\$500 Gift Certificate)



Erin Carter - Erin is currently a third year Bachelor of Nursing Program student attending Humber College. She is active in her community and actively participates in the Humber Nursing Society as the VP of Administration and as a Student Leader with the Lifeline Christian Fellowship at Humber. She loves to participate in sports and is active in the hockey team at Humber College. In the future, Erin hopes to be working at the Hospital for Sick Children where she will be able to apply knowledge that she has gained from her nursing program.

The Jennifer Award (\$3,000)



Tara Johnson - Tara is a final year nursing student at the University of Toronto. She is currently completing a practicum at Princess Margaret Hospital on a Leukemia, Lymphoma and Bone Marrow transplant unit. She has previously completed a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Kinesiology at the University of Western Ontario and has substantial work and volunteer experience within the Pediatric Oncology population. In addition she is a varsity track & field and cross country athlete and works at Mount Sinai Hospital for the Risk Management department. Tara's passion lies within the Pediatric Oncology population.

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The Jennifer Award (\$3,000) continued



Alexandra Jurczak - Alexandra is currently completing her final year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Ryerson University. Throughout her academic career, she has maintained high academic standing with involvement in both academic and extra-curricular activities. Alexandra's short-term goals are to work in a critical care or emergency setting, caring for patients and families at their most crucial and vulnerable times. Alexandra has a keen interest in working with the paediatric population and providing family centered care. Since the beginning of her undergraduate degree Alexandra has been heavily involved with organizations such as the Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) and has been a member of several research teams. Alexandra's future career goals are to pursue a Masters of Nursing degree in hopes of advancing the nursing profession and adding to nursing knowledge.



Mridula Sury - Mridula is currently completing her final year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Ryerson University. She has been highly involved in the life of the school, holding positions with the Nursing Course Union, Canadian Nursing Students' Association and with Ryerson Student Health Promotions. She has a passion for international nursing with a focus on mental health and hopes to one day work for the U.N. In the meantime, she spends her time with various community organizations in Toronto and is taking up an opportunity to volunteer her services in India this summer. She hopes this venture will eventually lead her to spend some time with "medicins sans frontiers".



Laurel MacIsaac - Laurel is in the final year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Ryerson University. She is a dedicated individual who has maintained a high academic standing throughout the program while taking leadership and volunteer roles in many professional and community groups. These include the RNAO as a student representative with the Policy and Analysis Committee and the Rainbow Nursing Interest Group, Canadian Diabetes Association Advocacy Champion, Canadian Health Network Diabetes Initiative and the Canadian Nursing Students Association as Educator. Laurel's long-term career goal is to contribute to critical nursing theory through research and education by obtaining her Masters and PhD degrees.

donnerwheeler Nursing Career Scholarship (\$5,000)



Danielle Simandl - Danielle is currently in her final year of the BScN program at the University of Toronto. Prior to pursuing nursing, Danielle completed a BSc (Honours) at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. While a student, Danielle has been actively involved in the International Nursing Interest Group, the Interprofessional Healthcare Students Association at U of T, the Nursing Students of Ontario and the Nursing Leadership Network of Ontario. Danielle will be completing an international nursing placement in India and eventually plans to become a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner.

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The Betty Petrich Scholarship (\$1,500)



Edward Jason Santos - Jason is currently in his final year completing his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ryerson University. His interests in nursing are in Gerontology, Oncology, and Mental Health. Upon graduation, Jason has accepted an offer to work at Baycrest Hospital in their Gerontology BScN Nursing Internship program, where he will specialize in behavioural and mental health. He has plans to continue his nursing education at the graduate level in the future.

RNFOO Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2,500)



Allison Kern - Allison is currently a second year student enrolled in the collaborative nursing degree program at St. Lawrence College / Laurentian University. She is a student of the September 2005 class which was the beginning of the collaborative nursing degree program between St. Lawrence College and Laurentian University. Allison believes it is this kind of collaboration that will increase the number of nurses achieving baccalaureate education and entering the work force. This comes at a time when our country is faced with a shortage of nursing staff and an aging population.



Roxanne Martin - Roxanne is in her first year of the Second-Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at York University, having completed an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences in 2002. Roxanne has acted in the capacity of Nursing Student Ambassador at the University's recently held Gala Event, and is presently a student representative on the Executive Committee of Admissions and Recruitment of the Faculty of Health Council at the University. Other activities include directing a family outreach program in the Toronto area. Roxanne has worked in creating healthy communities in marginalized areas of Jamaica while in the capacity of Project Officer for the United Nations Development Program LIFE Project in that country.

BACCALAUREATE LEVEL – POST DIPLOMA

Regina Borowska Scholarship - (\$1,000)



Aaron Burkhart - Aaron has lived and worked in northern Ontario his entire life. He has developed a love of this part of the world and a desire to work in the community in a nursing role. Aaron is actively involved in many community agencies such as the YMCA, Canadian Cancer Society, and Soup Kitchen. He especially enjoys working with high risk youth in the community. Aaron is also very involved in school activities such as student government and student services. Last year Aaron developed a program that helps adults upgrade their science credits in order to enter the Nursing Program at Sault College. Aaron hopes to pursue a career in northern Ontario as a community health nurse and eventually a nurse practitioner.

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Regina Borowska Scholarship (\$1,000) continued



Jennifer Cruz - Jennifer is pursuing a Master of Nursing at the University of Toronto. Her clinical focus is the cardiovascular intensive care of adult patients. She has been involved in developing and coordinating a cardiovascular review workshop which assists nurses in writing the Canadian Nurses Association's cardiovascular specialty exam. The colloquium generates yearly revenues for the Education Fund of nurses within the Heart and Vascular program of her institution. Jennifer's career objective is to contribute to the development of the nursing profession through integration of education, research, advanced clinical skills, influence in health policy, and creation of partnerships with other disciplines.



Deborah Dayus - Deborah is presently in the proposal development stage of her PhD work at the University of Toronto. Her research is entitled, 'Humanizing the Birth Experience: Exploring the Emotional Health Experience in the Perinatal Period'. Deborah has been a faculty member at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Nursing for 25 years and plans to continue her teaching career and program of research related to Maternal/Child Health.



Gina Ing - Gina, a youth development specialist at Toronto Public Health, has worked extensively with 'hard-to-reach' populations to create innovative programming designed to build the capacities of youth to act on physical inactivity, and tobacco. As a Masters student at the University of Toronto, Gina has maintained a high academic standing, while volunteering as a Divisional Nursing Officer with St. John Ambulance. Upon graduation, Gina plans to build her research skills in community health. Her long-term goal is to become a nurse educator and complete a doctorate degree. Gina also plans to apply her research by developing health policies that will benefit all Toronto residents.



Kierstin Kinlin - Kierstin is a second year student in the Collaborative BScN Program at Fanshawe College-University of Western Ontario. She is on the Nursing Student Council and promotes professional development among the students by offering different types of activities and providing them with the appropriate resources. She hopes to work in Pediatrics or NICU and to obtain her Masters in Nursing/Nurse Practitioner qualification.



Donna Romano - Donna began her Nursing studies at McMaster University, receiving her BScN in Nursing, and later completed a Masters in Nursing from the University of Toronto. She has specialized in Psychiatric Nursing, with her clinical and research interests focusing on first episode schizophrenia, as well as constructivist grounded methodology. In her current role, Donna is the Nursing Unit Administrator of the inpatient psychiatry unit and day treatment, at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of Toronto. Her dissertation is "Exploring the Process of Recovery from a First Episode of Schizophrenia".

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Regina Borowska Scholarship (\$1,000) *continued*



Loretta (Lori) Webel-Edgar - Lori has been working in the area of maternal and child nursing for the last 22 years. During her career, she has championed many of the current issues facing families in Ontario. To that end, Lori has provided education to over 1000 different health professionals in the area of breastfeeding and early identification of health problems. Lori is currently working on attaining her Master's degree in Health Studies in an effort to continue to champion the many issues that are facing new families in Ontario.



Sabrina Wong - Sabrina is pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing at McMaster University. Her area of clinical interest is in the field of neonatology, specifically the effects that very low birth weight infants have on the family. Sabrina's goal is to complete the Advanced Neonatal Nursing Diploma to become a Neonatal Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She hopes to foster the advancement of nursing through evidence based practice to assist in the advocating for infants and their families.

Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship (\$1,500)



Catharine Parsons - Catharine began her nursing career as an RN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and continued as a Nurse Educator in that area for over 20 years. During that time, corporate health care restructuring created a significant negative impact on the survivors of downsizing. Her mission from that time forward was to explore the concepts of positive psychology and identify strategies for enabling the capacity and resiliency of nursing staff. As she moved to the role of Nursing Practice Consultant and Corporate Facilitator in 2001, she became strategically positioned to further enable that mission but was limited by her current academic preparation. She believes the Master of Applied Positive Psychology is the way for her to fulfill her vision.

RNFOO Gala Scholarship - (\$2,000)



Susan Hranilovic - Susan has currently completed a nursing baccalaureate degree from Ryerson University and is about to enter a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner and Masters in Nursing program in the fall, 2007. Susan has provided care in the inner city for the last 13 years as an HIV Resource Nurse and an AIDS Certified RN. Her practice has included patients on methadone maintenance, transgendered patients, patients with mental health issues and those infected with hepatitis C. She has a commitment to continuing involvement in professional development and community-based volunteer activities which include the Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment, the Board of Directors of Fife House Foundation and volunteer nursing in Zimbabwe.

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GRADUATE LEVEL

Margaret Avery Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Veronique Boscart - Veronique is a research co-ordinator at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (TRI), and PhD student at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. Her dissertation focuses on understanding and measuring relationships between nursing staff and clients in complex continuing care. Her dissertation explores particular actions that nurses should demonstrate in order to be perceived as sensitive and compassionate in interactions with patients and their families, respecting the uniqueness, traditions and values of each person. This study has great potential to lead to a better understanding of the nurse-patient relationship and will support care, research, theoretical knowledge and education of nurses and patients in chronic care environments.

Kathleen Howe Mitchell Scholarship (\$4,000)



Mary Ann Murray - Mary Ann is a Doctoral candidate at the University of Ottawa, School of Nursing. With specialty certifications in gerontology, oncology and hospice palliative care, her clinical and research focus is on helping patients and families who are facing tough decisions at the end of life. Mary Ann has also undertaken a number of nursing leadership roles, including President of the College of Nurses of Ontario. She plans to bring insights from her broad clinical experience, research and academic activities to help influence best care and outcomes for seniors and families living with cancer through leadership, modeling, mentoring and the generation of new knowledge.

B. Eileen Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Rosanra Yoon - Rosanra is currently pursuing her Masters in Clinical Nursing specializing in Mental Health at the University of Toronto. Her passion and commitment is in the advancement of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and working with at risk vulnerable populations. Currently she works as an Education Coordinator for the Mental Health & Addiction Program at St. Joseph's Health Centre and is continually working to achieve her goal of providing support and leadership to advance Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. She hopes to use her knowledge and skills to mentor and motivate colleagues in achieving excellence in practice.

Jan Metcalfe Award (\$1,000)



Janet Hunt - Janet is currently pursuing her Masters in Nursing at the University of Western Ontario. Her long-term goals are to provide leadership in the care of older adults with advanced heart disease, and to champion the development of palliative management for older individuals with advanced heart failure. Janet actively volunteers in a number of professional and educational endeavours within her areas of employment.

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Jan Metcalfe Award (\$1,000)



Abram Oudshoorn - Abram is a doctoral student in the School of Nursing at the University of Western Ontario. As well, Abram works as a Registered Nurse at the London InterCommunity Health Centre with their Health Outreach Project for people who are experiencing homelessness. Interested in the issues of homelessness and health, Abram intends on completing his doctoral studies and developing a program of research with one of the most vulnerable of our populations.

Prenatal & Parenthood Education Services Award (\$2,000)



Leinic Chung-Lee - Leinic Chung-Lee is a Public Health Nurse at Toronto Public Health, in the Reproductive & Infant Health directorate of the Healthy Families program. Leinic graduated with a BScN from Ryerson University, a MN from University of Toronto, and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at the Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing. Leinic's research interests include immigrant women's health and perinatal health. Her dissertation addresses breastfeeding and new immigrant mothers. She hopes to improve the nursing care that is provided to new immigrant mothers and their families.



Lori Ives-Baine - Lori Ives-Baine is working on her Masters in Nursing in order to enhance the care of infants and families in the NICU during the experience of death and in the time afterwards. This work requires advanced knowledge and knowledge translation to her colleagues as well as a research focus. Lori values continuing education as it opens many opportunities to share and improve what families can receive.

RNFOO Gala Scholarship (\$2,000)



Anne Simmonds - Anne is a lecturer in the BScN program at the University of Toronto and is completing her second year in the Collaborative Nursing and Bioethics PhD Program. She is also enrolled in the International Nursing PhD Collaboration, and is developing educational and research projects with PhD students in the international nursing community. Anne has extensive perinatal nursing experience, working as a clinician, nurse educator, research consultant and independent practitioner in hospital, community, college and university settings. In her PhD research, Anne will be conducting a critical ethnography to explore how nurses understand and negotiate their moral responsibilities to women and their families during childbirth.



Janet Yamada - Janet Yamada is a Research Associate at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Janet is currently completing her second year of PhD studies at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. Janet's doctoral work will focus on the development and testing of a knowledge translation intervention to improve assessment and management of pain in children.

RNAO INTEREST GROUP AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (administered by RNFOO)

GRADUATE LEVEL

Childbirth Nurses Interest Group Scholarship (\$1,000)



Joy Noel-Weiss - Joy is a Registered Nurse and lactation consultant with clinical experience in hospitals and the community. She completed her Masters of Science in Nursing in August 2005 and two papers, one about peer support and another about ethics, have been published from her graduate work. Her MScN thesis was titled, 'The Effect of Prenatal Education on Maternal Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy and Breastfeeding Duration'. Joy is currently working on her PhD in nursing at the University of Ottawa and is planning a prospective cohort study in human lactation for her doctoral thesis.

Dr. Hildegard E. Peplau Award - Mental Health Nursing Interest Group (\$1,000)



Anne Marie Derks - Anne Marie is currently in her first year at the University of Ottawa, Master of Nursing Science program, through distance education. Her aim is to graduate with her MScN by April of 2009 and complete her goal to be a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Nurse Specialist (PHC-NP/CNS). Working in a community mental health clinic as a PHC-NP for the last 20 months is helping to fill an identified gap in physical and mental health community support for clients with severe mental illness.

Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group Award (\$1,500)



Erika Cheung - Erika is completing her Masters of Science in Nursing degree at The University of Western Ontario. Her clinical interest is pediatric cardiac critical care. She is passionate about clinical education, and how it can be used to advance nursing practice. Erika hopes to combine her clinical and educational interests while pursuing a doctoral degree, evaluating the role of advanced practice nurses in knowledge translation. Her goal is to enhance nursing practice by assisting nurse clinicians to integrate research into the clinical setting.



Andrew Reyes - Andrew is currently a doctoral student at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. He is taking a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing with a field of study in Leadership in Nursing Education. He obtained his Masters of Science Degree in Nursing at D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York. He finished his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in the Philippines. His clinical background is psychiatric/mental health nursing. His current research interest is in culturally responsive teaching, and empowerment and cultural competence of culturally diverse nursing students.

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ALL EDUCATION LEVELS

Julie Hall Scholarship for Neuroscience Nursing (\$1,000)



BettyAnn Flogen - BettyAnn graduated as a nurse in 1985 from Humber College. Her clinical experience includes staff nursing, outpost nursing in the North, ER in Muskoka, and NP in acute stroke at Sunnybrook. Her current role is CNS in Brain Health at Baycrest. A life-long learner, she is currently a first year PhD student at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Nursing. Her research interest is teamwork in rehabilitation.

Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award (\$2,000)



Martha Gibson - Martha has many years experience as a staff nurse and Clinical Nurse Educator. She is currently working as a Nursing Education Leader and research coordinator at Toronto Rehabilitation Hospital. She has worked in both acute and rehabilitation settings in Canada and the U.S. in a variety of roles. She obtained her Bachelors Degree in nursing from Ryerson University in 1994 and is currently working on her Master's of Nursing degree from D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY.

Ontario Nursing Informatics Group Scholarship (\$1,000)



Julie Latreille - Julie is the Clinical Informatics Coordinator and Telehealth Coordinator at the Queensway Carleton Hospital. She has found her passion within Nursing through the study and application of informatics and information management. Currently, Julie is in the process of completing her Master's degree in Nursing with a focus on nursing informatics. Her interests include: nursing terminologies, telehealth, Electronic Health record.



Wendy Seidlitz - Wendy is studying full time for her Master's in Nursing at McMaster University. Wendy's studies focus on nursing informatics. She anticipates exploring: data for knowledge translation to achieve improved outcomes; computers and technology as tools to facilitate these improvements; and the practical and ethical dilemmas involved in data sharing and electronic health records.

RNAO INTEREST GROUP AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (administered by RNFOO)

Evelyn Cameron Memorial Bursary (\$1,000)



Allethia Francis - Allethia is an undergraduate student with high academic standing in York University's 2nd entry program. She completed her Bachelor of Administrative Studies with Honours in Marketing in 2001. Allethia has exemplified leadership both in and out of the classroom. She is an active executive member of the Nursing Students' Association at York, and is currently a research assistant on two innovative projects. Her career goals include obtaining experience working with pediatric populations, pursuing a graduate Nurse Practitioner degree, teaching nursing and conducting nursing research in partnership with various disadvantaged pediatric populations.

Evelyn Cameron Memorial Bursary (\$1,000)



Marie Fulcher - Marie is an Advanced Nursing Practice Educator who is currently in the Masters of Health Science Program – Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. It is her intent to broaden the knowledge and skills of current and future generations of nurses to meet the demands of our Canadian Health Care System. Marie envisions this to be largely accomplished by engaging health care providers in quality initiatives through communication and collaboration among those involved in the delivery of health services.

Saint Elizabeth Health Care Community Nursing Scholarship (\$2,500)



Emerald Tan - Emerald is a Post Diploma student completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ryerson University. For two years she has volunteered as a student representative and peer supporter to several committees at Ryerson University serving the Post Diploma nurses and disabled students. She was awarded the School of Nursing Leadership Award at Ryerson University in 2006 and, as a scholar, she was awarded membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society. She plans to pursue education at a graduate level with a focus in community and public health nursing.

AWARDS NOT DISBURSED IN 2007

1. Miriam Bracken Award (\$500)
2. Childbirth Nurses Interest Group Post RN (\$1000)
3. Ernie "Aieh" Jacobs Memorial Award DNIG (\$2000)
4. Mary Ann Murphy Memorial Diabetes Award DNIG (\$1000)
5. Margaret Myers Diabetes Clinical Practice Award DNIG (\$1000)