



2010 PATRICIA SLATER AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2010

PATRICIA SLATER AWARD

The Patricia Slater Award is a memorial award given each year to a registered nurse (division one) who is a member of Royal College of Nursing, *Australia* (RCNA) and within the first three years of graduating from an undergraduate pre registration nursing course. The award commemorates Patricia Slater's pioneering and visionary work in nurse education in Australia.

It is awarded to a registered nurse (division one) who is making an outstanding contribution to professional excellence in their nursing practice and who is demonstrating a commitment to one or more professional organisations, including active participation in a leadership role.

All candidates must complete the award nomination form and provide a written statement as to why they believe they should be the successful recipient.

There is only one award presented annually

The award consists of:

- return airfare from the successful nominee's usual place of employment to the RCNA 2010 Nursing Summit to be held in Canberra 26 to 28 May 2010. (The recipient will be responsible for any additional nights accommodation or variations to travel.)
- RCNA 2010 Nursing Summit registration
- accommodation at the RCNA 2010 Nursing Summit venue
- a framed certificate of the award
- presentation of the award at RCNA Summit.

Nominations must reach RCNA National Office by close of business **Friday 16 April 2010**.

Please mail to:

Royal College of Nursing, *Australia*
Patricia Slater Award
PO Box 219
DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the RCNA scholarship staff on free call 1800 061 660 or email scholarships@rcna.org.au

AWARD BACKGROUND

Patricia Violet Slater was born on 6 December 1918 in St Kilda, Melbourne. She was a very ambitious character and achieved a great deal. Pat Slater, as she was known, undertook basic nursing training before completing her midwifery training at the Royal Women's Hospital, Sydney. In 1955 Ms Slater became a nurse teacher at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.



Ms Slater's educational and working life was devoted to the acquisition of knowledge. She held a Master of Arts in nursing education and administration, was a registered nurse, midwife and a nurse teacher. However, this was only a small part of her success. Ms Slater received an extraordinary number of certificates, diplomas, degrees and honours with a total of twenty-three qualifications! In addition she was a lieutenant in the Australian Army Nursing Service serving in both Australia and Borneo during the war. This further demonstrates the breadth of her education and personal achievement.

Pat Slater produced a plan for the development of the nursing profession in relation to nursing education, and soon after worked with the General Training Committee at the Victorian Nursing Council, where she revised the general nursing curriculum.

Ms Slater commenced lecturing part-time at the College of Nursing, Australia in 1962 when she undertook a consultancy with the Florence Nightingale Centenary Fund. She was appointed as the College's second director in 1965 and held that position until 1977. Throughout the time that Ms Slater was director many defining moments for Australian nursing occurred such as the process of the transfer of nursing education from the hospital-based system to the higher learning education sector. Pat played an integral role in the movement for higher education for nurses.

In May of 1990, the College provided Ms Slater with a small grant to enable her to compose the College's history. She produced a number of draft chapters, as well as the framework of the history for the consideration of the steering committee. However, it was around this time that Pat Slater was diagnosed with leukaemia and sadly on 2 October 1990 she died aged 72.

This award is a fitting memorial to Pat Slater's life's work in nurturing nurses to achieve professional excellence.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All nominees must be or have:

A financial member of Royal College <i>of</i> Nursing, <i>Australia</i> and currently registered as a registered nurse (division one) in an Australian state or territory.
Demonstrated outstanding qualities as a registered nurse (division one) in a clinical area in their three years post-graduation.
Demonstrated a commitment to nurse education, for example through patient education, active involvement in delivery of professional development activities.
Demonstrated leadership potential.
Judged by peers and colleagues in the clinical area as having outstanding qualities as a nurse.

SECTION A:

Nominee contact details

Question 1	Title	Family name:	Given name:
	Current mailing address:		
	Phone (wk):	Mobile:	
	Fax:	Email:	
	Current employer:		
	Current position title:		
	Year of completion of undergraduate pre-registration nursing degree: _____		
University where the undergraduate pre-registration nursing qualification was obtained: _____			

RCNA membership status (Please tick box)

You must provide this information.

Question 2	Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Fellow <input type="checkbox"/>
	Membership number _____	
	Year joined _____	

Question 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian citizen
	<input type="checkbox"/> permanent resident
	<input type="checkbox"/> temporary resident

SECTION B

Selection criteria

Question 4

a) Please provide brief examples of your outstanding qualities as a registered nurse (division one) in a clinical area in your three years post-graduation.

b) Please provide brief examples of your commitment to nurse education, for example through patient education, active involvement in delivery of professional development activities?

c) Please provide brief examples of your demonstrated leadership potential.

SECTION C

Declaration

If successful in my application, I agree:

- to participate in RCNA promotional activities (these activities are likely to be both electronic and print based, for example *Nursing Review*, and RCNA's web site)
- supply a photo to be used in these promotional activities.

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Signature of nominee

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Date

SECTION D

Professional referee - details

Question 1

Name of referee:

Current mailing address:

Phone (w):

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

What is your relationship to the nominee?

How long have you known the nominee?

I confirm that the nominee is currently within three years of graduating from his/her undergraduate nursing degree

 Yes No

SECTION D

Professional referee statements

Question 2	What is your assessment of the nominee's clinical excellence?
Question 3	What is your assessment of the nominee's demonstrated commitment to nursing education? Please give brief examples.
Question 4	What is your assessment of the nominee's leadership potential? Please give brief examples.

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Signature of referee

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Date