

The Iolanthe Midwifery Trust Student Award – supported by MIDIRS offers:

- Exclusive awards to pre-registration students seeking support for attendance at study days or to undertake elective visits within their educational programme
- Help to broaden perspectives and increase awareness of maternal and child health issues in other cultures and in other countries
- An opportunity to enhance the student experience and develop an awareness of issues in international maternity care.

Anna Byrom received a student bursary to visit a Christian Medical College in the Punjab, India and said:

'My most influential insights were associated with my integration into Indian life by living and working with Indian people and through my practical experiences in the hospital. The whole journey, from first arranging the visit, to working in a different hospital and living within a different culture has been an immense and satisfying learning curve. I feel it is something all students/midwives should consider.'

About MIDIRS

MIDIRS mission is: 'To be the leading international information resource relating to childbirth and infancy, disseminating this information as widely as possible to assist in the improvement of maternity care'. The charity aims to fulfil this mission by supporting midwives efforts to achieve these requirements through its publications and a range of traditional and online information resources. Visit www.midirs.org for details.

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Improving care for mothers,
 babies and their families

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The Iolanthe Midwifery Trust

Aims to promote and improve the care of mothers, babies and families through awarding grants and fellowships in support of midwifery education, practice and research



About the Trust

For the last 25 years the Iolanthe Midwifery Trust has helped more than 300 midwives develop and broaden their skills and knowledge through bursaries, fellowships and special awards.

In order for midwives to offer the very best care they need to develop innovative practice, progress their professional education and conduct research. This is made possible through the work of the Iolanthe Midwifery Trust.



What does the Iolanthe Midwifery Trust mean to midwives?

For many midwives it has transformed their lives, supporting them in achieving their dreams and aspirations. For the last 26 years the Iolanthe Midwifery Trust has helped hundreds of midwives develop and broaden their skills and knowledge through bursaries, fellowships and special awards.

Who benefits from the trust?

Funding goes to midwives, and student midwives, based in the UK. One of the key achievements of the Trust has been the establishment of the Iolanthe Midwifery Research Fellowship. Recipients of the fellowship have researched topics across a spectrum from childbirth litigation to emotion work, perineal repair and postnatal care. Our fellowship is a unique award both in midwifery and in the wider academic world, as it enables midwives studying for a higher degree to take sabbatical leave from their work to complete the writing up of a PhD.

Applying for an award or bursary

Each year the Trust invites applications for a number of awards. These include:

- **The Iolanthe Midwives Awards** – awarded annually and are worth up to £1000 each. Given to individuals to enable them to undertake a period of professional education, which may help to improve their practice.
- **The Iolanthe Student Awards** – supported by MIDIRS – are offered to pre-registration students seeking support for attendance at study days or to undertake elective visits (see next page for details)
- **The Iolanthe Midwifery Research Fellowship** – this is awarded every few years and is designed to assist a midwife in the final stages of completing his/her doctorate degree. This award is unique in targeting the writing up phase rather than the research phase of the doctorate. The aim is to facilitate the writing process – for example the applicant might choose to use the funding to buy time out from his/her clinical or teaching duties.
- **The Tricia Anderson Award** – made for the first time in April 2009 in memory of midwife Tricia Anderson who died in October 2007. The Tricia Anderson Award will support individuals or groups wishing to undertake activities that reflect Tricia's passion, innovative approach, scholarship and commitment to the wellbeing of mothers and midwives.



Application forms are available on the Iolanthe Midwifery Trust website from November each year and applications are requested to be submitted by the closing date in January the following year. The completed applications are assessed for quality by a panel of professionals and then recommendations are made to the Trustees. Individuals or projects that score the highest are awarded in the autumn.

To apply for an Iolanthe Midwifery Trust Award

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