



The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses



Awards Criteria



The Guardian Scholarship

The Baxter Corporation Award for Excellence in Patient Safety

The Baxter Corporation Guardian Scholarship will be presented to an individual or an interdisciplinary team who propose to make, or who have made, significant contributions toward patient and/or caregiver safety in the critical care environment. Recipients of this award will identify ideas that encompass safety and improve the quality of care in their practice area.

Award Funds Available **\$ 5,000.00 Total**

The award funds may be granted to a maximum of two applicants
(\$2 500 each)

Deadline for Submission **June 1**

Send applications to CACCN National Office at caccn@caccn.ca or fax to 519-649-1458 or
Mail to: CACCN, P. O. Box # 25322, London, ON, N6C 6B1

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 1

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- ✦ Be a active member of CACCN in good standing for a minimum of one year

- ✿ Be licensed to practice nursing in Canada
- ✿ Members of the Award Review Committee and/or the Board of Directors are not eligible.

Application Requirements

- ✿ The project will describe an innovative approach, to develop new or revised processes, to encompass patient safety and improve the quality of care at the unit, hospital or health care system level.
- ✿ The project/proposal will show evidence of collaboration among team members.

A complete application form includes:

- ✿ A proposal of a project, or a description of a completed project, which makes a significant contribution toward patient and caregiver safety in critical care.
- ✿ The proposal will include the background perspective, statement of the problem, and intended means to change practice. The proposal should include a timeline by which the project will occur.
- ✿ Brief curriculum vitae for the principal applicant and team members describing educational and critical care nursing background and CACCN participation.
- ✿ Proof of active CACCN membership
- ✿ If this project requires ethics approval, please submit evidence of approval with your application.

Review Process

- ✿ Each proposal will be reviewed by the awards review committee and a representative of the Baxter Corporation
- ✿ Proposals are reviewed for their contribution to patient safety, evidence of transferability of the project, innovation, sustainability, and leadership with in critical care practice areas.
- ✿ Deadline for receipt of applications is **June 1** of each year.
- ✿ The successful candidate will be chosen and notified in writing by **July 1**.

Terms and Conditions of the Award

- ✿ A proposed project must be initiated within three months of the receipt of the scholarship
- ✿ Any changes to the timelines require written notification to the board of directors of CACCN.
- ✿ All publications and presentations must recognize The Baxter Corporation and CACCN.
- ✿ An article related to the project is to be submitted to **Dynamics, the Official Journal of CACCN**, for publication.

Budget and Financial Administration

- ✿ One half of the awarded funds will be available to support the project expenses immediately.
- ✿ The remaining funds will be awarded upon the publication of an article describing the project in **Dynamics, the Journal of CACCN**.

The CACCN Board of Directors & Baxter Corporation retains the right to amend the award criteria.

