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2009 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS – SOCIETY CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is now inviting Schools of Pharmacy to submit applications to host the 2009 *Academic Excellence Awards*.

In its third year, the *Academic Excellence Awards* aims to encourage pharmacists to be part of the wider academic workforce. Through the award scheme, exceptional pharmacists and pharmacy graduates will be able to pursue a career in academic pharmacy by undertaking PhD training.

The Society is encouraging all fully accredited Pharmacy Schools in the UK to apply to host one of the two awards offered. The successful schools will be responsible for the supervision, selection and administration of the students throughout their period of training. The hosts of the 2008 awards were Cardiff University and the University of Nottingham.

Jeremy Holmes, Chief Executive and Registrar of the Society, said: “The *Academic Excellence Awards* are a great opportunity for pharmacists to further their careers, and develop skills to play a leading role in the profession of pharmacy. It is also important in raising the academic standard of the profession.”

Applications must be completed and submitted by 19 March 2008. Funding decisions are based on quality of the training and support provided and are made by an awarding panel. Guidance notes, a revised application form and further information can be found on the Society's website: <http://www.rpsgb.org/societyfunctions/awards->

[scholarships/academicexcellenceawards.html](https://www.rps.ac.uk/scholarships/academicexcellenceawards.html). A Peer Review Protocol explaining the selection process is also available from the website. For any further queries, please call 0207 572 2275.

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