Nurse Simulation Educator Scholarship Opportunity

The Center for Medical Simulation (CMS) and the MGH Institute of Health Professions (IHP) are pleased to announce a newly funded opportunity for eight, partial tuition scholarships for nurses who wish to attend simulation instructor training at CMS in Boston.

The Institute for Medical Simulation (IMS), the simulation instructor training program of CMS, has been conducting workshops since 2004. These scholarships are available for the basic interprofessional program, known as the Comprehensive Instructor Workshop, aimed at improving the skills of simulation educators.

Eight, $2,500 partial tuition scholarships are being made available through the generosity of an anonymous nurse donor who seeks to improve the ways that simulation is used in nursing education. This interest is prompted in part by the increasing importance of interprofessional education and mounting evidence of the usefulness of simulation as an effective teaching tool in nursing education. Scholarships are available to four teams of nursing educators from healthcare organizations or education programs using, or seeking to use, simulation in their curricula for training nurses at any level of experience.

The Center for Medical Simulation and the MGH Institute of Health Professions are both 501(c)3, non-profit educational, charitable foundations.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Scholarships will be awarded to four teams, each one consisting of two registered nurses from the same institution, BS minimum—MS or higher preferred. If a team is accepted, each nurse on the team will receive a $2,500 scholarship.
- At least one of each team’s two nurse applicants must have some leadership responsibility in their organization. The goal is for the team to be able to move simulation education forward in their organization. One member of the team might be a mentor of the other or they might be peers.
- Both applicants on a team must meet all criteria as listed in the application instructions for attending an IMS Comprehensive Workshop.
- To apply for a partial tuition scholarship, both members of each team should apply for the same IMS Comprehensive Workshop from the list of published workshop dates held at CMS in Boston.

Please note in the comments section of the application form, available at https://harvardmedsim.org/ims-registration.php, that you are applying for the CMS/IHP partial tuition scholarship and provide the name of your teammate.

After submitting your application online, provide the following documents via email to CMS-IHP-Scholarship@harvardmedsim.org:

- A letter describing your team’s project as well as the role each of you will play in it.
- A letter on your institution’s stationery, signed by a senior institution official, declaring the institution’s support for your simulation activities and the project you are proposing. Also, note in your letter that the balance of tuition support is available.

Within two weeks of applying, you will be notified if you are accepted for the workshop and scholarship. The awarding of scholarships is on a rolling basis and will be provided to the first four qualified teams that apply and are accepted into a workshop. Final acceptance is predicated on payment of the balance of the tuition.

The current full tuition for the Comprehensive Workshop during the Center for Medical Simulation’s 2016 Academic Year (July 2015—June 2016) is $4,875.