

The Maya Desai Postgraduate Dental Scholarship

The following arrangements have been agreed between Professor Stephen Porter representing UCL Eastman Dental Institute for Oral Health Care Sciences, University College London and Mr. Richard Crosby and Dr. Priya Crosby. The agreement is to take effect from academic year 2020/21:

1) **Title of the Prize:** The prize shall be called the The Maya Desai Postgraduate Dental Scholarship

2) **Eligibility:** Any postgraduates, full or part-time, with a registered GDC dental qualification, studying for an MSc or MClintDent in Endodontics, Periodontology or Prosthodontics at UCL Eastman Dental Institute, shall be eligible to apply for the scholarship at any time following application to study at UCL Eastman. The scholarship is to cover the subsequent academic year; so an application in August 2024 is open to any student who aims to be studying in the 2024/25 year. The candidate will need to show that they intend, at the completion of training, to practice for at least part of their time in ideally the Norfolk or Suffolk area. In the event of there being no suitable applicants for this area of the country consideration will be given to individuals proposing to provide a similar service to an area of England or Wales where this is currently limited.

3) **Assessment:** The assessors are Richard and Priya Crosby, the sponsors of the award. They may, at their and the candidate's discretion, discuss the suitability of potential winners of the scholarship with:

- The Director of their training programme
- Any of the academic staff who have contributed to their training

Prior separate written consent will be sought if these individuals are not the chosen referees of the candidate.

4) **Criteria for Award:** when making the award the sponsors shall take into consideration:

- The candidate's career to date
- The candidate's commitment to practicing in Norfolk or Suffolk, particularly if this is not already the case
- The candidate's financial circumstances

5) **Application Process:** This comprises a written application, outlining the candidates career to date, plan for practice in Norfolk or Suffolk, and any reasons the scholarship would be of particular assistance to them.

At the discretion of the sponsors, the prize may be awarded jointly to no more than two winners who shall share the scholarship for that year.

If, in the opinion of the sponsors, no candidate has the commitment or qualities looked for, no award will be made in that year.

6) **Nature of the Prize:** The scholarship will take the form of a financial award of £5,000.

- 7) **Decision:** Candidates will be informed of the sponsors' decision within three weeks of the application deadline.
- 8) **Presentation:** The prize shall be presented at the end of the academic year at an informal reception organised by the sponsors.
- 9) **Completion of Academic Year:** If the winner of the award does not successfully complete the academic year in which the award is given, no award will be made.
- 10) **Change of Policy:** In the event that either the sponsors or the Institute wish to make amendments to the agreed arrangements for the prize, these shall be discussed and agreed by the sponsors with the appropriate representative of the Institute.
- 11) **Duration:** The award of an annual £5000 scholarship will be for a minimum of 10 years starting from the 2020/21 academic year.

The aim of this scholarship is to honour the memory of Maya Desai, a committed and honourable dentist and graduate of UCL Eastman. In the event that a recipient of the scholarship does not ultimately bring their acquired skills to the area of the country agreed, ideally Norfolk and Suffolk (Maya's adopted home), it would seem appropriate that the award be forfeited and offered to a candidate committed to the aims of the sponsors.