



Education and Travel Award for Work Related to Creative Expression, Aging and Dementia

**Sponsored by the Alzheimer Society of Canada with
The Society for the Arts in Dementia Care**
(Open for Canadian students studying in Canada)

About the Award

The Alzheimer Society of Canada and the Society for the Arts in Dementia Care are jointly sponsoring two students to attend the 7th International Conference on Creative Expression, Communication and Dementia (CECD) to be held at the Institute of Health and Society at the University of Worcester, in the United Kingdom, on September 5-7, 2012. The selected students will receive \$3,500 each to cover the expenses of the trip. The winning students will be asked to make a presentation at the 2012 conference, describing the work/ practicum/ project they have undertaken with older people and people with dementia.

The theme of the conference is Health, Aging and the Creative Arts and its program is designed to foster research and practise related to the development and/or evaluation of creative expressive intervention activities or programs that are designed to improve quality of life for seniors with dementia. The annual conference welcomes the participation of academics, researchers, practitioners and the public at large. It provides an excellent opportunity for networking, exchanging ideas and gaining insights into new trends and developments that can improve the lives of well seniors and seniors with cognitive impairments.

The selected students will have an opportunity to meet and hear leaders in the field of creativity and aging, creativity in dementia care, advances in medicine that support the creative arts as an important component of healing, and other professionals working in the health sciences.

About the Candidates

The award will be presented to two art students in related health care programs (Art, Music Dance therapies, recreation and care programs, Nursing, Social Works, Psychology, Arts and Medicine) in Canada who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrated their own and their clients' creative abilities, and shown a desire to work with older people and people with dementia.

Adjudication Criteria

The adjudicators will be assessing: academic or practice performance, relevance of work/practicum/project to quality of life, novelty of approach, completeness of research or interaction with people with dementia, use of references, demonstration of commitment to the field of care and the Arts, and overall quality of the submission; did it address in a comprehensive way issues that needed to be addressed.

To apply please send the following:

- A curriculum vita
- A short (250-word) biography
- An official transcript showing all current and recently completed course work
- 2 letters of recommendations stating why this student deserves the award: one letter from the director or program head of the school the student is enrolled in, the second letter from the practicum or project supervisor at the care facility. Letters must be prepared on official letterhead and signed



- Detailed description of work/practicum/project related to the creative arts in dementia care, including
 1. Name and address of facility
 2. Name, description and goals of work/practicum/project
 3. Description of participants (number of participants, level of dementia, gender, age, ethnicity)
 4. Length of work/practicum/project and who facilitates it
 5. Personal goals of the student engaged in work/practicum/project
 6. Format of submission: Please submit no more than 5 pages 8-1/2x11, using Arial type font, size 11. Include photos that describe visually your work/practicum/project and which are reduced to 250 KB per photo to a total of 5 photos or a total of 1,250 KB

Note:

- If any information in the submission identifies participants by name and/or visually, consent must be obtained prior to submission.
- Sending submissions: Send your submission electronically after January 4, 2012 by clicking on our [website](#); attach the 2 recommendation letters and recent grade transcripts electronically. Please send originals by regular mail in addition to the electronic submission. We recommend that you call to confirm that your e-mail arrived at our end.

Mailing Address:

CECD 2012 Students' Award Competition
The Society for the Art in Dementia Care
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North Vancouver, BC
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Deadline for submissions is Friday, June 15, 2012 at 5:00pm

Late submissions or incomplete submissions according to specified requirements will not be considered

The Review Board

Three independent renowned experts in the field of dementia care, the creative arts and education; Dr. Shaun McNiff from Lesley University, USA, Dr. Peter Graf, Psychology, UBC, and Yoying Orosa, RSW, MT, Director of Therapeutic Programs at George Derby Centre, BC, will review the submissions. The review board is particularly interested in learning about the student's commitment and performance in working with older people and people with dementia.

Students can discuss programs, such as life review, storytelling, reminiscence, music, drama, art and dancing. They can describe interventions/engagements that stimulate creative expression responses or relate how they used imagination to express their personal, cultural and spiritual experiences and how that affected their clients. Students can comment on their experiences working in teams or how a significant person inspired their studies or work related to the seniors' ability to express themselves creatively.

For Inquiries and Eligibility

Please contact Dr. Dalia Gottlieb-Tanaka at: 604-986-6408 or by e-mail: dr.daliaqt@gmail.com

We look forward to your submission.