

The John A. Hartford Foundation's
Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Program (BAGNC)

**DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN
GERIATRIC NURSING PAIN RESEARCH**

If you want to join the next generation of academicians, practitioners and researchers who will shape the future of health care of older Americans, consider the **Hartford Foundation's Predoctoral Scholarship Program.**



Kristen Swafford,
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My interest in pain and older adults was a perfect fit for both the BAGNC program and the Mayday Fund, which is dedicated to supporting research into pain management and alleviation. Participation in additional opportunities encouraged by program, such as serving as a co-leader in the Mayday Fund's Improving Assessment and Treatment of Pain in Nursing Homes: A National Nursing Collaborative, has further opened doors, allowing me to explore and hone new skills as I near the completion of my doctoral studies.

My original intention was to become a gerontological psychiatric nurse practitioner; earning a PhD wasn't even something I considered. Through exposure to the expertise, dedication and passion of the nurse scientists within the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at Oregon Health & Science University, I found my place for contributing to improving the lives of older adults. All of my interests were tied together—older adults, nursing home care, and science. Now with the help of a great mentor, I've focused my studies on enhancing the skills of professional caregivers in nursing homes with a goal to reduce pain caused during caregiving. With the generous support, guidance and networking of these two programs, I am at an exciting launching point toward meeting my goals of contributing to reducing pain in nursing home residents.



*2005–2007 Predoctoral Scholar Kristen Swafford
on the benefits she realized through the John A. Hartford
Foundation's predoctoral scholarship program*



**Hartford Geriatric
Nursing Initiative**

Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) Awards Program

The American Academy of Nursing, with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City, seeks applications for the following Hartford Scholarship:

The **Hartford BAGNC Predoctoral Scholarship Program** provides \$50,000 of support for each of two years of doctoral work for nurses committed to careers in academic geriatric nursing.

The Mayday Fund provides an *additional \$5,000 award* to selected predoctoral and fellow candidates whose research includes the study of pain in elders.

Details about the Predoctoral Scholarship Program and application materials can be found on our web site:

www.geriatricnursing.org/applications

APPLICATIONS DUE IN JANUARY



The John A. Hartford Foundation's overall goal is to increase the nation's capacity to provide effective and affordable care to its rapidly increasing older population.

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The Mayday Fund is dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree and consequence of human physical pain.