

Request for Applications Betty Ford Professionals in Residence (PIR) Award

Deadline: May 15, 2009

The Norlien Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Betty Ford Professionals in Residence Award. The Award will cover the costs (tuition, travel, accommodation and meals) of attending the Betty Ford Center's Professionals in Residence Program at their treatment facility in Rancho Mirage, CA. Candidates for this award must be residents of Alberta from any of the following professional fields: physicians, law enforcement officials, legal/judicial system, public policy, nurses, therapists, counselors or other professionals working with alcoholics and addicts.

About the Betty Ford Professionals in Residence Program

The Betty Ford Center's Professionals in Residence Program (PIR) provides professionals from all fields with an opportunity to understand the nature and treatment of addiction through a unique educational experience. The week long program is experiential in nature, allowing the participant to spend the majority of their time immersed in the same activities as the patients or family members. Supplemental presentations are provided to augment the participant's understanding of the disease of addiction.

Professionals can attend any the following 5 day programs:

Inpatient PIR Program	Professionals in this program participate in the primary residential treatment halls and receive a deeper understanding of the treatment process and planning through extended involvement with the patients and staff. They participate in small group therapy, patient lectures, activities, and meals. Professionals also have an opportunity to observe a multidisciplinary team approach to treatment planning.
Family PIR Program	Professionals in this program participate with family members and friends of patients to understand the impact alcoholism or drug addiction can have on the non-addicted family members. Professionals participate with family members in lectures, group therapy, meals, activities, and spend time in staff treatment planning sessions.
Residential Day Treatment PIR Program	Professionals in this program participate with patients who are in long term treatment care. They join patients for small group therapy, patient lectures, activities, and meals, as well as spend time in staff treatment planning sessions.

Continuing Education Hours are available for nurses, MFT's, LCSW's, and certified addiction counselors.

Dates for the 2009 Norlien PIR Award

- May 25 – May 29
- June 8 – June 12
- June 22 – June 26
- July 20 – 24
- August 3 – August 7
- August 17 – 21

Application Process

To apply, candidates must submit:

- A completed Application Form;
- Two letters of reference; and
- A current CV.

Applications can be submitted to Kate Asbell electronically at asbellk@norlien.org or by mail to: 102 - 8 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1B3.

Letters of Reference

Referees should include their position and title in the letter of reference, and indicate how long and in what capacity they have known the candidate. Using specific examples whenever possible, the letter should highlight the candidate's strengths as they relate to suitability for the PIR Program. One of the letters should come from the candidate's direct supervisor.

Application Form
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Please note: All sections must be completed in full to qualify for consideration.

Candidate Details

First Name(s): _____ Family Name: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Position/Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Professional Experience and Responsibilities

Briefly describe your current position and responsibilities. Take care to discuss any experience or knowledge you have that might be relevant to your participation in the PIR Program. This section should not exceed one page in length.

Suitability of Candidate

Briefly outline your reasons for wanting to participate in the Betty Ford PIR Program. Take care to include a description of how you plan to integrate the PIR experience into your professional life. This section should not exceed one page in length.