

The Annette J. Bartley Memorial Scholarship



Annette J. Bartley RN, BA, MS, MPH, was a nurse and health care improvement coach for more than 30 years, which included several leadership roles in frontline clinical care and management. A beloved member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) community, Annette died in November 2016, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, and optimism.

In 2006, Annette was awarded a Health Foundation Quality Improvement Fellowship and spent a year as a Fellow at IHI. During that year, she also earned a Master's degree in Public Health at Harvard University. As IHI Faculty and as an Independent Quality Improvement Consultant, Annette was responsible for developing, supporting, and leading several successful quality improvement and patient safety initiatives across the UK at regional and national levels. Her work extended internationally from Canada to Singapore, showcasing Annette's unique ability to connect with teams from all cultures and contexts and help motivate them to achieve excellence. Many colleagues viewed Annette as an authority on the prevention of avoidable pressure ulcers (using quality improvement methodology), the implementation of the SKIN Bundle, and intentional rounding.

Annette's unwavering passion for improvement was inspiring to countless frontline care teams that used her guidance to improve their ability to reliably deliver high-quality, safe, person-centered care.

IHI will award the **Annette J. Bartley Memorial Scholarship** annually to one nursing professional who demonstrates a strong interest in health care improvement. The scholarship will cover the cost of General Conference fees for IHI's National Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care. This year, the [31st annual event, takes place in Orlando, Florida from December 8-11, 2019](#) In addition, the scholarship will provide the winner with up to \$1,000 for travel, four nights' lodging, or other Forum expenditures (including fees for Learning Labs and Quickcourses).

Eligibility:

Any current nursing professional may apply for the Annette J. Bartley Memorial Scholarship.

Requirements:

Annette played an important role in helping IHI close the gap between current practice and best practice. In this spirit, we invite you, the scholarship applicant, to complete an essay that describes a health care quality improvement project you would like to undertake or have undertaken. In **no more than 500 words**, your essay should describe a problem in current care and detail how your project would address it. Please include who you would (or did) engage to help develop your goals and your plans for implementation, and how you will know if the changes tested in your project would lead (or led) to the desired improvement. We will judge essays, first, on the project's potential to improve patient care and, second, on the clarity of the writing. Please send your essay (one per person) in a Word file (not a PDF) and exclude any graphs or charts.

Deadline: Please send your essay to Mahesh Panwar at mpanwar@IHI.org with the subject line "Annette J. Bartley Scholarship application" no later than **Friday, September 13, 2019**, by 5:00 PM Eastern Time. We will notify the winner by Friday, October 4, 2019.