

Subject: Mental Health Research UK - PhD Scholarship Awards 2022

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Dear Supporter

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Mental Health Research UK PhD Scholarships 2022.

The scholarships were advertised and academics on our mailing list were also alerted to them. Applications were shortlisted by our Scientific Committee, and each sent to three academic referees and three service user reviewers. Taking these into account, the awards were made by the Scientific Committee and four academic trustees.

As one of the applications for the John Grace QC Scholarship was from Cardiff University where our chair of Trustees Mike Owen works, he had no part in the process for that Scholarship and Dr Vanessa Pinfold chaired the panel for that award.

The John Grace QC PhD Scholarship was awarded to:

Professor Michael O'Donovan, Division of Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neurosciences, Cardiff University, for the project:

New approaches in precision psychiatry: Exploring genomic markers and linked health records to predict symptom improvement and drug response in schizophrenia.

The COVID-19 PhD Scholarship 2022 was awarded to:

Professor Stephani Hatch and Dr Gemma Knowles, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience, King's College London, for the project:

Racial inequalities in mental health help-seeking among young people in the covid-19 context.

Both projects were considered as presenting outstanding opportunities for young researchers. More details including lay summaries will be on our website shortly.

(Postscript: if you have not already ordered Mental Health Research UK Christmas cards, please do so in the next 24 hours [link to website](#))

Clair Chilvers
Co-FoundingTrustee

