

The Tom Palmer PhD Scholarship 2024 – Investigating novel approaches to improving prevention, diagnosis or treatment of mental health conditions in people from marginalised communities. We are interested in funding a project that addresses the mental health of a minoritized community such as people from the LGBTQIA+ community, people from minority ethnic communities, or refugees and migrant communities. xxx

Guidance Notes for Applicant Universities.

Mental Health Research UK invites Universities to apply for this Scholarship.

One application only from a University will be considered.

The award covers fees and stipend only and will be based on the Medical Research Council's minimum stipend and fees for UK students currently as follows:

2022/23 Stipend: Outside London - £17,668 and Inside London: £19,668

2022/23 Fees: £4,596.

We do not support fees for international students.

Funding will cease at 4 years or on submission of the PhD thesis, whichever is earlier. **The fourth year is regarded as a writing-up year and the grant will be the stipend and thesis fee only.** In the event of early submission, a brief application to retain the student for the remainder of the period within the total cost envelope will be considered. College fees will be considered, where advertised by the University, as additional to the tuition fee.

Mental Health Research UK will consider a small grant towards Travel and Conference attendance where the student is presenting and to essential external training courses, or PPI costs, subject to prior approval and submission of invoice/receipt. No contribution will be made towards Research Support costs.

If your University fees or stipend are different from the above, please advise in the covering email with your application.

Closing date for applications: Midnight on 22nd May 2023.

Applications: on the attached form completed electronically in 12 pt Times New Roman, maximum of 6 x A4 pages, plus one for each supervisor. Any additional pages will be disregarded. Applications to be submitted by a supervisor in MS Word or PDF.

The completed application form should be emailed to: applications@mentalhealthresearchuk.org.uk.

Please note that applications from individual students are not permitted and applications that do not conform to the above requirements will not be considered.

Assessment: Will be carried out by the Trustees of the charity and their scientific advisers.

- We assess the quality of applications by considering the project idea and track record of supervisors as well as the wider research environment.
- We look for novelty of the proposed project alongside feasibility and likely impact.
- We consider how well the proposed project will work for a PhD studentship
- We look at plans for PPI, training for the scholar and wellbeing support.

Mental Health Research UK aims to make a significant improvement to the lives of people with mental health problems by funding research into causes and treatments.

Exclusions: We only fund Universities in the UK, supervisors have to be based in UK Universities.

We do not currently fund primary research on autism, learning difficulties or dementia; there are other research funders who do fund these important health areas. We also do not fund animal research or health services research.

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