**Improving mental health and wellbeing in underserved populations through collaborative research**

Masters Scholarship 2021

The Three NIHR Research Schools are pleased to announce that funding for up to six Masters scholarships is available. Applications are invited from individuals who have a commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing in underserved populations who wish to undertake health research training as part of their development. Applicants must demonstrate a clear commitment to establishing a long-term interest in mental health research.

The scholarship will cover the tuition fees for a UK based Master's programme.  Funding may also be available to backfill substantive employment costs (if applicable).

Applications are particularly welcomed from the north of England/underserved areas and from health and care professional groups not traditionally involved in research.

* Eligible courses include Masters level programmes focussing on research and or research training
* Courses can be studied full-time for one or two academic years or part-time for a maximum of two academic years.
* You must be a home student paying home-level tuition fees and have been resident in the UK for at least five years prior to starting your undergraduate course for a purpose other than study.
* You could have started your Masters degree course in September 2021 OR plan to apply for September 2022 entry
* You must not hold a master’s qualification or higher.

Please note that there is no funding for salary support. Successful applicants will be asked to provide confirmation that they have employer agreement for undertaking this period of study.

You will need to have a Batchelors degree at a grade of 2:1 or above in a health, social care, or related topic. Please note that some of the Masters courses have specific entry requirements.

The Three NIHR Research Schools are committed to supporting equality, diversity and inclusion for all staff, members and students. Applications for scholarships for part time study are welcome where the course allows.

**How to apply**

An application for these scholarships can be made by emailing a two-page CV (including relevant CPD) and letter of application (max of 2 pages, no smaller than 12pt font) to e.g.fletcher@keele.ac.uk

The letter should outline your reasons for applying for the scholarship, details of the proposed Masters programme, start date, programme tuition fees, your health research topic/interest and the value you would get from the award with your future career aspirations.

Please email the documents to e.g.fletcher@keele.ac.uk by **16 December 2021** stating ‘Three Schools Masters Scholarship Application’ in the subject line.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Georgina Fletcher, Assistant Director, School for Primary Care Research e.g.fletcher@keele.ac.uk

**Selection process**

All applications will be assessed by members of the schools who have a role in career development and capacity building and will be reviewed by the Three NIHR Research Schools Steering Group.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome by the end of January 2022.