

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust 2022

NMAHP Doctoral Fees Only Fellowship Award

Guidance for Applicants

Background

The NMAHP Fellowship programme has been funded through Manchester Foundation Trust Charity for staff employed at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and aims to:

- Invest in clinical research leaders to support delivery of the MFT NMAHP Research Strategy to ensure continuity and sustainability of research activity amongst NMAHPs.
- Strengthen the existing infrastructure to support the creation of additional posts along the clinical academic pathway to increase the number of post-doctoral and senior clinical academic NMAHPs.
- Support the continued development of a research culture of evidence-based practice within nursing, midwifery and allied health professional practice.

We welcome applicants from all sections of the community regardless of age, sex, gender, gender expression, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and transgender status. All appointments are made on merit.

Overview

The MFT PhD Fees Only Fellowship is available to Consultant or aspiring Consultant NMAHP staff only. A confirmation letter of PhD eligibility is required from a Higher Education Institution as part of the application process.

The term “clinical” is used to mean the practice that you undertake in your health or care profession for which you hold the required active registration, and not necessarily to be a patient facing or hospital-based role.

The programme is aimed specifically at health and care professionals who aspire to undertake a doctoral programme of study and there are up to two awards available

We are keen to tailor this programme as much as possible to suit individual commitments and timescales and also to match successful fellows to a range of flexible doctoral programmes.

At the end of the scheme it is expected that each award holder will have:

- i) Completed a part-time doctoral programme (PhD or Professional Doctorate)
- ii) developed a clear understanding of their career trajectory to date and longer-term career plans
- iii) developed a publication plan

Key Dates

31 st March 2022	Advertisement for applicants
11:00-12:00 25 th April 2022	Question & Answer session online by MS Teams Click here to join the meeting
5pm. 23 rd May 2022	Deadline for submission of application
WB 13 th June 2022	Shortlisting panel decisions
WB 27 th June 2022	Interviews

Eligibility

The PhD fees only doctoral fellowship is open to applicants fulfilling the following criteria:

i) Registered Health or social care professional (excluding medicine and dentistry) with one of the following organisations:

- Academy for Healthcare Science
- General Chiropractic Council
- General Optical Council
- General Osteopathic Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Social Work England
- UK Public Health Register

ii) Employed by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

iii) Graduate with a first degree or equivalent that meets university requirements for entry onto a doctoral degree programme

iv) Has identified a primary academic supervisor (see supervision section)

v) Is a Consultant NMAHP or aspiring Consultant NMAHP, having discussed this with Their Head of Service

Funding

The award holder will receive funding to cover part time course fees only, up to a maximum of £2500 per annum for up to six years.

Signed approval is required from the applicant's Head of service or department. This is required as evidence of the employer's commitment to facilitate release from duties for the duration of the award. This can be a signature of approval on the application form or a separate letter of support. The letter(s) of support need to be submitted at the same time the application is submitted.

Study time can be taken flexibly, and applicants should discuss how this will work with their line manager and NMAHP Lead Research Champion at the earliest opportunity.

Costings

We require the full costings to be submitted with your application. Please contact your university finance department for details. Please submit these costings with your application together with your relevant University finance lead's name and email address.

Supervision

Supervisors have a vital role in supporting the applicant throughout the duration of the fellowship to work with the award holder on the successful completion of their doctoral programme of study.

Applicants need to have identified their primary doctoral academic supervisor within the Higher Education Institution (HEI) of their choice.

Careful consideration should be given to the choice of primary academic supervisor and your Lead Research Champion can help with this. Key elements to consider are:

- Experience as a PhD supervisor;
- Experience in your research area of interest/ relevant methodologies;
- Ease of maintaining contact with your supervisor/ availability of the supervisor.

If you require support in identifying a suitable supervisor from the University of Manchester, please contact Michelle Briggs michelle.briggs@manchester.ac.uk or your Lead Research Champion (Please see Appendix 1).

Research Outline

You will need to give an outline of your proposed doctoral programme of work. Research questions that have arisen from your 'day to day work' within MFT and align with patient, service and organisation priorities are particularly welcomed. If you require support with this, please liaise with your NMAHP Lead Research Champion (please see Appendix 1).

Application Process

All applications to be submitted to timothy.twelvetree@manchester.ac.uk before 5pm. on the **23rd May 2022**. Signatures or letters of support from your line manager and service/department manager must be submitted along with your application form. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.

Contact Information

For any further questions please contact:

- Your MFT NMAHP Lead Research Champion (Appendix 1)
- Michelle Briggs, Clinical Professor of Nursing, michelle.briggs@manchester.ac.uk
- Dr Penny Lewis, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice, penny.lewis@manchester.ac.uk
- Tim Twelvetree, Research Fellow, timothy.twelvetree@manchester.ac.uk

Assessment Criteria

- The suitability and commitment of the applicant to a career as a clinical academic
- The quality and appropriateness of the proposed academic training and development
- Evidence of research knowledge and experience.
- The appropriateness and clarity of the proposed study design and implementation
- The scope for the described field of academic interest to prove relevant to, and provide benefit to, the setting in which the applicant works
- The extent to which the department will support the applicant to pursue and develop a clinical academic career
- The appropriateness of the award to the experience and trajectory of the applicant
- The accuracy and appropriateness of the proposed budget

Appendix 1

MFT NMAHP Lead Research Champions

Hospital Site / MCS	Lead Research Champion	Contact Details
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