

## Mental Health Research UK PhD Scholarship

### Eligibility

The scholarship is available to candidates who meet the eligible requirements for Home Fee status. To be classified as a Home student, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be a UK National (meeting residency requirements), or
- have settled status, or
- have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements), or
- have indefinite leave to remain or enter.

The successful applicant will have a very good undergraduate degree (i.e., BA or BSc Honours, or equivalent, at 1st class standard or upper 2nd with clear evidence of first-class work) in a relevant area (e.g., social sciences, psychology, criminology, sociology, statistics), plus a strong Master's degree (i.e., a distinction, or high merit with evidence of distinction-level work) in a relevant subject.

The ideal candidate will also have: a strong understanding of and keen interest in social inequalities and social determinants of health (e.g., structural racism); experience of working in partnership with young people to co-develop and co-deliver impactful research; and ability to engage young people in research on potentially sensitive topics.

Experience or knowledge of mixed methods research is desirable, but not essential; we will work closely with the successful candidate to develop a research methods training programme tailored to their skills, needs, and experience.

**Applicants from black and minority ethnic groups are very strongly encouraged to apply.**

### How to apply

**To be accepted, all applications must include:**

- a complete application form
- a copy of your CV (maximum 2 A4 pages)
- 2 academic references, or 1 academic and 1 professional reference (these should be sent directly to [katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk) by referees). Reference letters should be 1-2 A4 pages. Referees should comment on: how they know the applicant, in what capacity, for how long, and describe how the applicant's existing skills/attributes will benefit the project to which they are applying.
- copies of transcripts for all relevant degrees

All of these materials should be sent to Katie Lewis (email: [katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk)) by 23.59 GMT on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in order to be considered for this scholarship.

Interviews are anticipated to be held during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Interviews will convene online via Microsoft Teams or Zoom

For queries, please contact [katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:katie.lowis@kcl.ac.uk)