

SHI Foundation Collaborative PhD Studentships

Introduction

This award scheme was established to provide financial incentives to encourage Departments offering funding for research degrees from their own internal resources to consider creating studentships on medical sociology topics. Both 1 + 3 (for a masters attached to a PhD) and +3 (PhD) studentships are offered. These awards are made directly to university departments who will advertise for and nominate students to take up the awards to carry out the projects.

The SHI Foundation Collaborative Studentship award is for £11,000 and is conditional on the Department itself providing additional funding to meet the full cost of student fees, a maintenance allowance at least equivalent to that provided by the ESRC and reasonable research expenses.

The Trustees aim to fund up to three new 1 + 3 or + 3 PhD studentships per annum. Although the intention in creating these studentships is to encourage Departments to create full-time studentships, application for part-time studentships will also be considered. Awards will be made on a pro-rata basis.

Eligibility

Applications will be considered from supervisors in Departments in UK Universities which can provide appropriate academic support for students conducting research on a topic in the sociology of health and illness, including social science, health care and medical departments. Only PhD research topics in the sociology of health and illness will be considered.

Supervisors applying for a 1 + 3 studentship will be required to demonstrate that they provide appropriate two-semester post-graduate research methods courses but these need not be ESRC-recognised. Where a Department proposes to award a studentship to a student who already has an MSc in research methods, the studentship will be for 3 years only (pro-rata for part-time students).

SHI Foundation Collaborative PhD Studentships can only be held by students registered for a PhD in a UK University but awards will not be restricted to UK or EU citizens. Students who hold an ESRC, MRC or Wellcome Trust studentship will not be eligible for a Foundation studentship.

Trustees and other members of the Award Panel will not be eligible for awards but other members of their Department will not be excluded from applying.

Application procedure

An application should be made by the proposed supervisors using the Application Form below. The application should be signed by the Head of Department and a recognised signatory for the University as well as the proposed supervisors. Successful applicants should then select a suitable student following their institutions normal equal opportunities procedures. The Trustees do not wish to be involved in the selection of students.

Applications should be submitted by the 15 February 2010.

Where the supervisor is also applying for other studentships, this should be indicated on the application form and the Trustees notified of the outcome of the application as soon as it is announced. If another application is successful, the applicant will be expected to withdraw from the Foundation awards.

Applications will be considered by a Panel of three Trustees, using the following criteria:

- Is the proposed topic within the field of the sociology of health and illness?
- Is it sufficiently interesting and innovative to contribute to the field?
- Is it suitable (in scope, resources required, etc) for PhD study?

- Are the additional resources promised by the Host institution adequate?
- Are the supervisor/co-supervisors appropriately experienced and knowledgeable about the topic?
- Is the research training offered in the first year of an appropriate standard?

Applications will be considered by a panel of three Trustees and a decision made by the 15 March 2010, with the expectation that the student will take up the studentship at the beginning of the next academic year. The Trustees regret that they cannot give feedback on applications or the reasons for unsuccessful applications.

Application form

Download the [application form](#) here. The deadline for submitting an application is **15 February 2010**. Please send the completed form **electronically** to FSHladmin@googlemail.com and send one **signed hard copy** to:

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Terms & Conditions

Full details of the Terms and Conditions of the award can be found on the website of the Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness. Accepting the award will be deemed as accepting these Terms and Conditions.

At the time of making the award, the Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Foundation is in a financial position to make all future instalments of the award and the Trustees manage its reserves with this purpose in mind. However, the Trustees give notice that the continuance of the awards over future years will nevertheless be subject to the continuing financial health of the Foundation.

The Foundation for the Sociology of Health & Illness should be named in all advertising by the Department and Institution relating to the Studentships.

Students supported by an SHI Foundation Collaborative PhD Studentship should acknowledge this in their thesis and in any conference presentations or publications arising from it. The phrase to use is: **This work is/was supported by a Collaborative PhD Studentship from the Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness.**

Successful applicants (ie supervisors) are required to invoice the Foundation annually and also to provide a short (one page) progress report each year and a final report when the PhD has been awarded.

Students should also present at least one paper on their research at the annual BSA Medical Sociology Conference.

In the interests of transparency and to encourage further applications, successful applications will be listed on the Foundation website.

Further information

Please address any queries about the SHI Foundation Collaborative PhD Studentships to FSHladmin@googlemail.com