

# UWE Bristol Personal Research Training Awards

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

**The University of the West of England (UWE) offers a small number of awards to support allied health professionals (AHPs), nurses and midwives to undertake health research training as part of their clinical academic development.**

We have provided answers to frequently asked questions about the Research Modules and the Dissertation Module award. If you would like to discuss the awards or have questions, please contact [Alison.Diaper@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.Diaper@uwe.ac.uk).

Visit the NIHR webpages for information about career development and training support: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/health-and-care-professionals/career-development/>

### **1. What are the basic eligibility criteria for the awards?**

- You must be a registered health professional (excluding doctors and dentists) listed here: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/heenih-ica-programme-eligible-professions-and-regulators/12204>
- You must hold a contract of employment with a provider of health and/or social care services at the point of application, within the STP areas of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, Gloucestershire or Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Fixed term contracts are acceptable, however honorary contracts or bank work cannot be accepted. This organisation must provide at least 50% of its services free at the point of delivery and the applicant must be spending at least 50% of their current role delivering health and/or social care services that are free at the point of delivery.
- If you wish to apply for the dissertation module, you must have first completed the Research Methods module for your programme of study.

### **2. Do I need to have a degree to apply?**

No, this is not necessary. If you want this award to contribute to a UWE Bristol Masters programme, check your eligibility for the programme with the programme lead.

### **3. Does the funding cover both fees and backfill for time?**

UWE provides the funding for the modules, and this covers fees, but not backfill for students' time. You will need to agree with your employer if you can take study time while you are enrolled on the module.

### **4. Are all the modules available for distance learning?**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Research Methods modules are currently being delivered as online modules. We will provide an update on the availability of modules and delivery plans for successful applicants. The dissertation module does not have an attendance requirement but meetings with the dissertation supervisor would be required.

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**5. Do I need to apply for a module before I apply for funding?**

No, you can apply for funding first. However, if you are successful, due to the popularity of the modules, we would be unable to guarantee a place on your chosen module at its next scheduled delivery. If you have already applied for and been accepted for a module, you can still apply for this award so long as you have not started the module.

**6. I have only completed a few modules. Can I apply for the dissertation module?**

Yes, provided that one of your completed modules is the Research Methods module for your programme of study.

**7. I've already done the modules you are offering. Can I apply for a different module?**

We can only offer funding for the stated modules.

**8. I've already had one of these awards to complete a module. Can I apply again to do a different module?**

You can apply to receive a Dissertation award if you have previously received a Research Methods award but you cannot apply for the same module award again. Priority will be given to applicants who haven't received an award before.

**9. I already have an undergraduate Masters degree. Am I still eligible?**

Applicants are eligible if they have an undergraduate Masters completed pre-registration. Applicants with a post-registration Masters in any area may apply but priority will be given to applicants without this qualification.

**10. I want to apply for an HEE/NIHR Internship. Can these awards run concurrently?**

We would advise applying for both opportunities and we will consider your application on a case-by-case basis.

**11. Do I need to be interested in doing research in the future, or applying to the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic programme?**

Yes, we would expect you to demonstrate interest in these activities within your application.

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