**Funded Studentships**

**Master of Clinical Research (MClin Res) programme for**

**Registered Non-Medical/Dental Healthcare Professionals**

**Starting September 2015**

Applications are now open.

**Closing date: 12.00pm, 27th April 2015**

Since March 2009, the University of Manchester, School of Nursing, Midwifery

and Social Work has been delivering two full-time and part-time Master of Research (MRes) programmes with pathways in Clinical research (MClin Res) and Health and Social Care research (MRes HSC). Successful bids to the Department of Health (England) in 2009 and 2012 enabled the University to award 86 fully funded HEE/NIHR studentships 2009-2014 for healthcare professionals to be seconded from employment to undertake the MClin Res programme.

We have submitted a bid for a further 10 studentships per annum to the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme for Non-Medical/Dental Healthcare professionals, starting September 2015. This replaces the NIHR/HEE Clinical Academic Training (CAT) Programme for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals and the NIHR/HEE Healthcare Science Research Fellowship (HCS) Programme.

Although the outcome of the bid will not be known until June 2015 we are seeking to recruit potential candidates now pending the outcome of the bid. **Any offers of a funded place will be subject to the success of the HEE/NIHR bid.**

Studentships would be available for full-time or part-time and include funding for:

* Full course fees
* Full salary (including employer standard on-costs) reimbursement to employers
* Some contribution to student travel, accommodation and project costs as required

Students funded through these studentships will be seconded from employment (subject to agreement of their employer) to undertake the programme as follows:

**Full-time studentships:** one calendar year – 4 days per week course work + 1 day per week continuing to engage in aspects of practice relevant to MClinRes dissertation work. Salary reimbursement to the employer will be 1.0 WTE for the duration of the programme – maximum of one calendar year.

**Part time studentships:** two calendar years - 2 days per week course work + ½ day per week continuing to engage in aspects of practice relevant to MClinRes dissertation work. Salary reimbursement to the employer will be 0.5 WTE for the duration of the programme – maximum of two calendar years.

Applications for funded Studentships for students to start the programme in September 2015 are now invited. **Closing date 12.00pm, 27th April 2015**

For further course details and how to apply please see: <http://www.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/programmes/taughtmasters/mcr/>

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on **12th, 13th and 18th May 2015**.

In order to be considered for these funded Studentships applicants must

* Have a current Registration within one of the following professions:
  + Nurse/Midwife, Allied Health Professions, Healthcare Scientists, Pharmacy professions, Clinical Psychologists, Operating Department practitioners, and wider Dental Team professions. For a detailed list please see <http://hee.nhs.uk/wp-content/blogs.dir/321/files/2014/07/Expanded-eligible-ICAP-Professions.pdf>.
* Have at least one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) post qualifying experience in clinical practice
* Be currently employed in **England** within a clinical setting in the NHS or other Health Care Organisation commissioned to provide services by the NHS.
* Possess a relevant Honours degree from an approved Higher Education Institution – normally 2:1 or above. Candidates with a 2:2 will only be considered if they have an exceptional track record of other achievements such as: publications, research grant income or key involvement in funded research studies.
* Have the written support of their employer to be seconded and supported to undertake the programme (the application form asks you to confirm that you have agreement in principle and the University will seek written confirmation from your employer).
* Demonstrate excellent potential to contribute to the future development of high quality clinical research in the health service after completion of the programme.

The programme is delivered on-line but students must also be available to attend the two 4 day campus-based study schools in Manchester which will take place as follows:

**28th September – 1st October 2015**

**18th – 21st January 2016**

There are also two mid semester days of attendance per year.

The MClin Res programme will equip students with in-depth understanding and knowledge of, and excellent skills in, a range of research methods relevant to applied research in a variety of contemporary clinical practice contexts. The programme is particularly aimed at those seeking, or currently engaged in, a clinical research or clinical/academic research career. The programme provides a comprehensive education and training in research providing an excellent foundation for career development and/or a basis for students who wish to go forward to study for a PhD in the future.

The programme has a unique interdisciplinary focus, drawing on the expertise of nationally and internationally renowned lecturers and practitioners from many different fields. Though managed primarily through the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, the programme is delivered by and benefits from strong collaborations across the Faculty and NHS organisations, [including Manchester Academy for Healthcare Science Education](http://mahse.co.uk/), [the School of Dentistry](http://www.dentistry.manchester.ac.uk/), [Manchester Pharmacy School](http://www.pharmacy.manchester.ac.uk/), [the School of Psychological Sciences](http://www.psych-sci.manchester.ac.uk/) (SPS), [the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre](http://www.mahsc.ac.uk/) (MAHSC), Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research & Care Greater Manchester ([CLAHRC GM](http://clahrc-gm.nihr.ac.uk/)) and the [multidisciplinary health sciences research networks](http://www.ihs.manchester.ac.uk/ResearchNetworks/).

**Please note:** Applicants who do not fulfil the criteria for a funded studentship or are not offered a funded place, but who still meet the programme entry criteria, may still apply for the programme online but will be required to pay full course fees as outlined at:

<http://www.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/programmes/taughtmasters/mcr/>