

## Studentship Scheme

# POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

Up to three studentships a year will be jointly-funded (up to £10,000 each per year for three years) to enable a student to undertake research in the alcohol field leading to a PhD. **The university applying** must be willing to match fund or have an offer of match funding (ie at least £10,000 per annum for three years) from an appropriate organisation, such as the ESRC, before they can apply. No more than one Research Studentship per year will be awarded to any institution. Applications should be for studies beginning in the academic year 2018/19.

**The closing date for the submission of applications this year will be midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.**

The Studentship Committee will make their deliberations and all applicants will be advised of the outcome of their submissions before the end of the year. Successful institutions will be required to enter into a formal agreement, which sets out the terms and conditions of the award.

### **In order to qualify:**

- The institution providing the study must be a UK university;
- There must be an offer (or at least a very good possibility of an offer) of match funding;
- The research proposal must be robust and address Alcohol Research UK's aims and objectives;
- There must be assurance that the student chosen will be networked in with appropriate academic support.

## **Studentship Awards**

Awards are made on the undertaking that institutions, supervisors and students accept and abide by the conditions set out here. The following conditions will be **included in a formal agreement** that the institution will be required to sign as a final stage in the application process.

### **Payment of Awards:**

- A studentship award is normally administered through the institution in which the student is enrolled. Confirmation of any institution's willingness to accept responsibility for the work to be undertaken and for administering the grant is a pre-condition of any award.
- A studentship award begins on the first day of the programme and payment is made to the student via the administering institution from that

date. Subsequent payments are then paid in advance at the beginning of each academic year.

**Reporting:**

By 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, 2020 and 2021, the institution is required to provide a statement of the student's progress. This should give an assessment of the student's progress and state whether the award should be continued. No award will be paid for a second year until the first year's report has been received and assessed as satisfactory and the same applies for subsequent years.

**End of Award Reports:**

At the end of the period of the award the student is required to provide Alcohol Research UK with a bound and electronic copy of their thesis.

**General:**

Alcohol Research UK reserves the right to:

- attach specific conditions to the award of a studentship grant; and
- terminate or vary its conditions at any time.

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