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Bursary/Scholarship Guidance Notes

At Anna Freud we are keen to support students who wish to pursue a career in child mental health research or practice. We are committed to training a new and diverse generation of researchers and practitioners but recognise that our profession falls well short of reflecting the diversity of the populations and communities we serve. We also recognise that training in this field is expensive and takes time and this means that the potential cost of postgraduate study can deter many individuals.

In line with our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) ambitions we are pleased to be able to offer a number of bursaries and scholarships to encourage applications from prospective candidates from underrepresented backgrounds within the field and/or who might otherwise find themselves unable to pursue a career within children's mental health. We also welcome applications from candidates with care experience
- access a definition of care experience as provided by The Care Experience Movement.

Please note that applicants must be applying to study on a UCL postgraduate programme based at Anna Freud. All bursaries and scholarships listed are subject to availability of funds for the academic year indicated.

Selection Process

The Postgraduate Studies Bursaries and Scholarships Panel will meet to consider all applications no later than April 2027. Candidates will be notified of the outcome within a month of the panel meeting.

To accept the bursary/scholarship, candidates must have formally accepted their UCL offer. Formal acceptance of the bursary/scholarship is required in writing.

A reserve list will be drawn up in case the selected candidate does not take up the offer of a bursary/scholarship or fails to enrol.

The candidate may not under any circumstances defer take-up of the bursary/scholarship until a later date.

Applications must be received by 5pm (UK time) on Tuesday 2 February 2027. Please email your completed form to pgs.marketing@annafreud.org.

Applications will be judged on the criteria above and the decision of the panel will be final, with no recourse to appeal.

Dr Alex Holder Scholarship

Eligible Programme(/s): MSc in Developmental Psychology and Clinical Practice

Deadline for entry in 2027/28: Tuesday 2 February 2027, 5pm (UK time)

Description: One scholarship with a value of full tuition fees as advertised for the programme in 2027-28 plus 50% of estimated living costs (over a two-year period) is available for a student who has applied for a place on the MSc in Developmental Psychology and Clinical Practice, for entry in September 2027.

Scholarships are given directly to the student to be used towards tuition fees and/or living costs as specified above. The scholarship will be paid only after the student has formally enrolled and satisfied all necessary UCL conditions.

Conditions and eligibility:

- Candidates must receive an offer of a place on the MSc in Developmental Psychology and Clinical Practice at Anna Freud and must be a new student starting their course in September 2027.
- Candidates must be Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL.
- Candidates must be undertaking a Masters degree for the first time. Students who have previously studied a Masters degree will not be eligible.
- Candidates receiving awards from other sources of funding which cover all or **some** of their tuition fees will not be eligible for a scholarship.
- Eligibility is not affected by funding (i.e., awards, scholarships, bursaries) covering maintenance costs providing this does not exceed more than 50% of estimated living costs.

Criteria for selection of candidates considered by the panel:

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Available only to candidates applying to the MSc Developmental Psychology and Clinical Practice
2. Ordinarily applicable to permanent residents in the UK only.
3. Academic merit as judged by:
    i. Outstanding academic potential and track record.
    ii. Relevance of the course to the student's career ambitions/personal development.
4. Evidence of financial hardship.

Future in Mind Scholarship for Black UK Students

Eligible Programme(/s):

- Developmental Neuroscience and Psychopathology, MRes
- Developmental Psychology and Clinical Practice, MSc
- Early Child Development and Clinical Applications, MSc

Deadline for entry in 2027/28: Tuesday 2 February 2027, 5pm (UK time)

Description: British candidates of African and Caribbean descent in particular are currently underrepresented in this subject field, including at UCL. We recognise that this lack of diversity limits our potential to drive advances in research and clinical practice in child mental health. This Scholarship was established following feedback from staff and students and a growing recognition of the need to take positive action.

One scholarship with a value of £4,500 (total of £9,000 over a two-year period) is available for a student who has applied for a place on one of the above three Masters programmes, for entry in September 2027.

Scholarships are paid directly to the student and can be used to contribute towards tuition fees and/or living costs as they prefer. Students will receive £4,500 in the first year, and £4,500 in the second year on the condition that they have successfully completed their first year of study on the programme. The scholarship will be paid only after the student has formally enrolled and satisfied all necessary UCL conditions.

Occasionally, depending on the applications received, the scholarship may be split between more than one student.

Conditions and Eligibility:

- Candidates must receive offer of a place on one of the above three Masters programmes at Anna Freud, and must be a new student starting their course in September 2027.
- Candidates must be Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL.
- Candidates must be undertaking a Masters degree for the first time. Students who have previously studied a Masters degree will not be eligible.
- Candidates receiving awards from other sources of funding which cover all their tuition fees will not be eligible.
- Eligibility is not affected by funding (i.e., awards, scholarships, bursaries) covering maintenance costs.

Criteria for selection of candidates considered by the panel:

1. Ordinarily applicable to candidates who are a permanent resident in the UK and who are also of a Black or Mixed Black ethnicity.
2. Academic merit as judged by:
   i. Academic potential and track record;

ii. Suitability of the candidate's chosen course in terms of how it will build on previous education and experience;
iii. Relevance of the course to the student's career ambitions/personal development;
iv. Other wider achievements, experience and relevant skills.

3. Evidence of financial hardship.

Barbara Throckmorton Drinka Scholarship

Eligible Programme(/s): MSc in Early Child Development and Clinical Applications

Deadline for entry in 2027/28: Tuesday 2 February 2027, 5pm (UK time)

Description: This scholarship has been established in memory of Barbara Ann Throckmorton Drinka (1943-2020), a practicing psychoanalyst and psychotherapist. One scholarship with a value of £2,250 per year of study (total of £4,500 over a two-year period) is available for a student who has applied to the MSc in Early Child Development and Clinical Applications, for entry in September 2027.

Scholarships are paid directly to the student and can be used to contribute towards tuition fees and/or living costs as they prefer. The scholarship will be paid only after the student has formally enrolled and satisfied all necessary UCL conditions.

Conditions and eligibility:

- Candidates must receive an offer of a place on the MSc in Early Child Development and Clinical Applications at Anna Freud, and must be a new student starting their course in September 2027.
- Candidates must be Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL.
- Candidates must be undertaking a Masters degree for the first time. Students who have previously studied a Masters degree will not be eligible.
- Candidates receiving awards from other sources of funding which cover all their tuition fees will not be eligible.
- Eligibility is not affected by funding (i.e., awards, scholarships, bursaries) covering maintenance costs.

Criteria for selection of candidates considered by the panel:

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Based on both academic merit and financial need.
2. Ordinarily applicable to permanent residents in the UK only.
3. Students currently underrepresented in the field in the UK, including students from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds, and other minoritised groups.
4. At least half of all recipients of the scholarship will be individuals who identify as female.

Masters Bursaries – Academic Research

Eligible Programme(/s):
Developmental Neuroscience and Psychopathology, MRes
Early Child Development and Clinical Applications, MSc

Deadline for entry in 2027/28: Tuesday 2 February 2027, 5pm (UK time)

Description: These bursaries are available to students who have formally been offered a place on one of the above Masters programmes, with their first year of enrolment in September 2027.

Up to a maximum of two bursaries will be awarded each year. One bursary is allocated to each of the above two Masters programmes. Bursaries are given directly to the student and can be used to contribute towards tuition fees and/or living costs as they prefer. Students will receive £4,500 in the first year, and £4,500 in the second year on the condition that they have successfully completed their first year of study on the programme. The bursary will be paid only after the student has formally enrolled and satisfied all necessary UCL conditions. Occasionally, depending on the applications received, the bursary may be split between more than one student.

Conditions and eligibility:

- Candidates must receive an offer of a place on one of the above two Masters programmes at Anna Freud and must be a new student starting their course in September 2027.
- Candidates must be Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL.
- Candidates must be undertaking a Masters degree for the first time. Students who have previously studied a Masters degree will not be eligible.
- Candidates receiving awards from other sources of funding which cover all their tuition fees will not be eligible for a bursary.
- Eligibility is not affected by funding (i.e., awards, scholarships, bursaries) covering maintenance costs.

Criteria for selection of candidates considered by the panel:

1. Ordinarily applicable to permanent residents in the UK only
2. Academic merit as judged by:
    i. Academic potential and track record;
    ii. Suitability of the candidate's chosen course in terms of how it will build on previous education and experience;
    iii. Relevance of the course to the student's career ambitions/personal development;
    iv. Other wider achievements, experience and relevant skills.
3. Evidence of financial hardship.