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Asquith Mature Student Bursary – guidance notes

Eligible Programme(s): MSc in Psychology and Trauma (Child and Adolescent Route)

Deadline for entry in 2027–2028: Monday 7 June 2027, 5pm (UK time)

Description: One bursary with a value of £4,500 for a full-time student, or £2,250 per year - over a two-year period for a part-time student, is available. This bursary is aimed at supporting candidates undertaking further studies at a later stage in life or who are seeking to return to study after some time.

Bursaries are given directly to the student and can be used to contribute towards tuition fees or living costs as they prefer. Full-time students will receive £4,500. Alternatively, part-time students will receive £2,250 per academic year of registration, on the condition that they have successfully completed their first year of study on the programme.

Occasionally, depending on the applications received, the bursary may be split between more than one student. The bursary 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 Psychology and Trauma (Child and Adolescent Route) at Anna Freud and must be a new student starting their course in September 2027.
- The scheme is open to both Home and Overseas students.
- 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:

The candidates must meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

A) The applicant is a mature student, defined as someone who was aged 21 or over when they commenced their undergraduate studies.

OR

B) The applicant will be aged 25 or over at the time of enrolment.

Additional criteria

1. Ordinarily applicable to permanent residents in the UK or Overseas residents.

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.

Selection process

The Postgraduate Studies Bursaries and Scholarships Panel will meet to consider all applications no later than August 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 Monday 7 June 2027. Please email your completed form to pgsmarketing@annafreud.org.

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