

Value-Based Health and Care Short Course – Full Fee Scholarships

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY ELIGIBILITY, ALLOCATION PROCESS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND APPLICATION FORM

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

Welsh Government wish to support professional learners in the NHS, Social Care and Third Sectors in Wales to undertake education and personal development in key policy areas and have established an Academy programme for this purpose. Grant funding from Welsh Government allows each Academy to offer a number of generous scholarships for eligible applicants.

Full fee scholarships are available at Swansea University on the Value-Based Health and Care Short Course programme. There are limited number of funded places and these will be allocated in line with the criteria below.

Funding is also available to support a place on the Taught doctorate (DBA) and the MSc Advanced Health and Care Management programme. Information in relation to these is provided here www.swansea.ac.uk/som/ila/.

If you would like to discuss your application for a funded place please contact the Director of the Value-Based Health and Care Academy, Professor Hamish Laing. Email: Hamish.Laing@swansea.ac.uk.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

- i. Applicants follow the standard application process for the Value-Based Health and Care short course.
- ii. Applicants can apply for a funded place only alongside their course application. Applications for funded places will only be considered following the panel's decision that they are eligible for a place on the course.
- iii. Applicants need to complete the scholarship application form below including the statement of support from their employer.
- iv. Applicants should send this completed scholarship application form to VBHCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk.
- v. Please note that scholarships can only be awarded to applicants who have completed the course application in advance. If you have not already done so, please register your expression of interest here: www.swansea.ac.uk/som/vbhc-academy/vbhc-execed/
- vi. Applications for funding will be made by the Scholarship Award Panel and applicants will be advised. Those unsuccessful in the scholarship awards may take up their place as self-funding learners if they wish to do so.
- vii. Applicants will not be paid the scholarship funding but will receive a notification on enrolment that their fees have been paid.

3. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING PROCESS

- i. Scholarships will be awarded by the Value-Based Short Course Places Award Panel, which is appointed by the Delivery Assurance Board.
- ii. Full fee scholarships are awarded on the evidence of the greatest benefit to the applicant, their employer and the patients, service users or community that they support as well as contributing towards the outcomes of a Healthier Wales¹. This decision will be based upon the evidence submitted in the application form from the applicant and their employer. In the event that not all scholarships are awarded, unallocated funded places will be carried forward for future courses.
- iii. The panel will agree in each funding round the exact allocation of scholarships in line with the amount of funding available and any unallocated places carried forward from previous cohorts. Scholarships will be allocated to reflect an intention to support learners from the following targeted groups:
 - NHS Wales
 - Local Authority Social Services in Wales
 - Social Care Organisations in Wales
 - Third Sector Organisations in Wales
- iv. Applications will be scored as set out in the application form at Appendix 1 below and ranked in each sector and scholarships allocated in line with the distribution above and the quality of applications received.
- v. Applicants who are dissatisfied with the decision of the Scholarship Award Panel should contact Professor Hamish Laing in the first instance.
- vi. A report will be provided to the Academy Delivery and Assurance Board.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- i. Applicants need to have applied for a place on the Short Course.
- ii. Applicants must be:
 - currently working with the National Health Service, in Health Care, Social Care or the Voluntary Sector in Wales, and
 - Have confirmation of support signed by their employer using Part 3 of this form.
- iii. This ILA scholarship covers the full tuition fees for the Value-Based Health and Care Short Course.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- i. A full scholarship is the equivalent to the full fees for the course.
- ii. Applicants should apply for their fee scholarship alongside their application for a place on the course. Applicants should send this scholarship application document to VBHCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk.

¹ <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/in-brief-a-healthier-wales-our-plan-for-health-and-social-care.pdf>

- iii. Short Course Scholarships cover the full tuition fee but do not cover travel, accommodation or subsistence. No payments will be made direct to the applicant.
- iv. Scholarships cannot be deferred, applicants must take up the scholarship for the course they apply for.
- v. Any scholarship offered but declined prior to enrolment, will be offered to a reserve applicant. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible, however, those on the reserve list are advised to look at alternative funding options as there is no guarantee a Scholarship will become available.
- vi. Scholarship holders will be encouraged to participate in University marketing and recruitment activities.

Students should give 2 weeks' notice if they cannot attend the course.

6. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

- i. By applying to be a Swansea University scholarship student, Swansea University will be required to collect, store, use and otherwise process information about you for purposes connected with the application process and for reasons deemed necessary in order to take steps prior to entering into a contractual agreement with the University.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- i. Swansea University is an equal opportunities organisation. As such we will be operating an anonymous application process where personal details will not be visible to the panel.
- ii. Equal opportunities monitoring will be undertaken in line with the University's policy for equal opportunities.

APPENDIX 1: APPLICATION FORM

Equal Opportunities

Swansea University is an equal opportunities organisation. As such we will be operating an anonymous application process where the personal details will not be taken into account for the awarding of funded places. As such please can you ensure that only include personal identifiable information where indicated on the form.

We will use the equal opportunities information collected through the course application process for equal opportunities monitoring.

Part 1: Personal Identifiable Information. [This section is for administrative purposes and will not be made available to the decision panel]

NAME:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
SECTOR:	Health/Social Care/Third Sector (Delete as appropriate)
DATE:	

Please send the completed application form to VBHCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk

**Part 2: How the course will benefit you, your organisation and the patients /service users you work with.
(Please avoid using personally identifiable information if possible)**

Please tell us the sector, employer and setting in which you work and how your current role is aligned with the outcomes of this course (Maximum 300 words – 0-5 points allocated)

How will your learning contribute to delivering the outcomes of a Healthier Wales?
(Maximum 300 words – 0-5 points allocated)

What impact will have this course have for your organisation and service users?
(Maximum 300 words? – 0-5 points allocated)

Part 3: Employer Statement

To be completed by the applicant's line manager or relevant senior manager

Please discuss how your organisation will benefit from the learner's participation on the course and what impact you expect it to create. (Maximum 500 words? – 0-5 points allocated)

Please confirm that if successful, the applicant will be supported to have sufficient protected time to complete the course and undertake the self-directed learning required.

Name:

Job Title:

Date:

Organisation:

Signed by _____

