



# Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

## Asquith Mature Student Bursary – Guidance Notes

At the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, we are keen to support students from diverse backgrounds who wish to pursue a career in child mental health research or practice. 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.

One bursary with a value of £4,500 per year of study (total of £9,000 over a two-year period) is available for a student who has applied for a place on one of the following Masters programmes, for entry in September 2022:

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

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.

Occasionally, depending on the applications received, the scholarship 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

- You must have received an offer of a place on one of the above Masters courses at the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. You must be a **new Masters student** starting your course in September 2022.
- The scheme is open only to Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL.

- The bursary is only open to students 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**

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 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.

### **Selection process**

The Postgraduate Studies Bursaries and Scholarships Panel will meet to consider all applications no later than May 2022. 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 midday (12pm UK time) on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Please email your completed form to [pgs.marketing@annafreud.org](mailto: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.