Chesser Bursary – Guidance Notes

Acquiring the clinical skills needed to train as a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist can be demanding and requires a significant time commitment. In an increasingly restricted financial climate, students are often expected to maintain multiple paid roles to fund their professional development as they work towards fulfilling pre-training requirements.

The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families believes that candidates should have access to high quality training programmes and financial pressures should not prevent them from developing their skills. This ensures that graduates entering the work force can provide the best support for children and young people.

The Centre is delighted that The Chesser Trust shares our vision and understands the value of developing the next generation of professionals. The Chesser Bursary is made available through the Trust’s generosity as our donor and in line with their aim of supporting:

‘The advancement of the education and training of students concerned with the application of psychoanalytic principles to child psychotherapy’

These bursaries are to help support current students and alumni as they work towards fulfilling the criteria necessary to enable them to make an application for training as a child psychotherapist with an ACP recognised training school.

The Anna Freud Centre is delighted to call for applications for 3 bursaries, each with a value of £3,000 awarded for the academic year 2023/24.

Students/alumni must either be studying on or be a recent graduate of the following UCL programmes:

- MSc in Early Child Development and Clinical Applications
- MSc in Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology (alumni only)

Alumni currently training as a child and adolescent psychotherapist are not eligible to apply.

Bursaries are given directly to the student/alumni and can be used to contribute towards tuition fees, living costs, a year of personal psychoanalysis and/or the cost of undertaking parent-infant observations, work discussion seminars and theoretical seminars, all in an effort to meet the requirements of undertaking a Child Psychotherapy course accredited by the Association of Child Psychotherapists.

The bursary will be paid providing all necessary conditions are met.

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Conditions and eligibility

- You must either be a student studying on the Masters courses listed above or alumni of these programmes, having studied at the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families.
- The scheme is normally open only to Home students with permanent residency in the UK as defined by UCL. Non-UK nationals who can demonstrate they are eligible for Home fees, including EU nationals with settled or pre-settled status, will also be considered.

Criteria for selection of candidates considered by the panel

1. Ordinarily applicable to candidates who a permanent resident in the UK only.

2. Academic merit as judged by:
   i. Academic potential and track record
   ii. Suitability of the candidate’s academic experience/achievements in terms of how it will build on previous education and work experience to further a career in child psychotherapy;
   iii. Relevance of current activities that will support candidate’s career ambitions.

3. Evidence of financial hardship.

Selection Process

Applications must be received by midday (12pm UK time) on Friday 6th January 2023. Please email your completed form to pgs.marketing@annafreud.org.

Please label your application form as ‘Chesser Surname where ‘Surname’ is replaced by your own family name.

The selection panel will meet to consider all applications no later than February 2023.

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

Candidates will be notified of the outcome within a month of the panel meeting.

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.

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

It is a condition of being awarded a bursary that successful candidates agree to provide the Chesser Trust with two progress reports in the academic year of the bursary award (i.e. every 6 months).