

Applications are now invited for a Social Work Education Research Student Award (in memory of Jo Campling)

Funding to support Doctoral Researchers made by

Social Work Education: The International Journal

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Social Work is an emerging research discipline and it is essential to the future health of the discipline, to policy makers, and to individuals, families, groups and communities who use or receive social work services, that research capacity is developed. Capacity is particularly undeveloped regarding pedagogic research in the field of social work education (i.e. research which relates to the teaching, learning or assessment of social work students). *Social Work Education: The International Journal* proposes to address the development of research capacity by supporting the development of early career researchers through providing funding up to £8,000 which would enable doctoral research students to complete research into learning and teaching within social work education. The aim is to support those doctoral students who are not receiving other forms of research or student funding and who would be unlikely to complete research helpful to the discipline without this additional bursary. This is a short-life scheme, so once all the money in the SWERSA fund has been disbursed the scheme will end.

Please contact the email address below for further details regarding the application process and eligibility criteria for applicants. In brief applicants must:

1. Be undertaking a Doctoral degree (either PhD, taught, or Professional Doctorate) at a recognised University where the focus of their study relates to the teaching, learning and/or assessment of social work students.
2. Have already undertaken appropriate research methods training and have progressed to at least the data collection phase.
3. Be supported in writing by both the candidate's main doctoral supervisor and a second academic referee, who attest to the relevance and quality of research being undertaken.
4. Commit to submitting an article to the journal based on an aspect of the research undertaken and provide evidence of other planned dissemination activity.
5. Not already be in receipt of other funding for their research made by an awarding body (e.g. student scholarships, studentships or similar).
6. Normally have a first or other degree in social work or be able to demonstrate significant previous practice or research experience in social work.
7. The SWERSA and Journal are international but as English is the language of the Journal, applications and subsequent reports and articles must be submitted in English.

Please contact the Trust Fund Administrator for copies of the application form, referee forms, and guidance for applicants:
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