

**Fully funded Studentships available on Master of Clinical
Research (Mclin Res) programme
for
Registered Nurses, Midwives and AHPs
starting September 2009**

Applications now open
(Closing date: 23rd June 2009)

In March 2009 The University of Manchester School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work announced the launch of a new full-time and part-time Master of Research (MRes) programme for intakes of students from September 2009 with pathways in Clinical research (Mclin Res) and Health and Social Care research (MRes HSC).

Following a bid to Department of Health (England), the University has been successful in securing 30 fully funded studentships over the next three years for registered Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals to be seconded from employment to undertake the Mclin Res programme.

These studentships, jointly funded and supported by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) as part of the Clinical Academic Training Pathways (CATPs) initiative, will be available full-time or part-time and include funding for:

- Full course fees
- Full salary replacement costs to employers
- Some contribution to travel costs where required

Students funded through these studentships will be seconded and funded to undertake the programme as follows:

- **Full time:** one calendar year - 4 days per week course work and one day per week continuing to engage in clinical practice in their current role with their current employer. Salary reimbursement to the employer will be 0.8 WTE.
- **Part time:** two calendar years - 2 days per week course work and at least one day per week continuing to engage in clinical practice in their current role with their current employer. Salary reimbursement to the employer will be 0.4 WTE.

Applications for the first round of funded Studentships for students to start the programme in September 2009 are now invited – closing date 23rd June 2009.

In order to be considered for these funded Studentships applicants must:

- Have current UK registration as a qualified:
 - Nurse
 - Midwife
 - Allied Health Professional (excluding Psychologists, Clinical Scientists) please see <http://www.ncrcd.nhs.uk/nursesmidwivesandahp/catdoctoralfellowship09> for eligible AHPs
- Have at least one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) post qualifying experience in clinical practice
- Be currently employed in England within a clinical setting in the NHS or other Health Care Organisation commissioned to provide services by the NHS
- Possess a relevant Honours degree (normally a 2:1 or above) from an approved Higher Education Institution
- Have the written support of your employer to be seconded to undertake the programme (the application form asks you to confirm that you have agreement in principle and the University will seek written confirmation from your employer).
- Demonstrate excellent potential to contribute to the future development of high quality clinical research in the NHS after completion of the programme.

Though the programme is mainly on-line, students must also be available to attend the two 5 day campus-based study schools which will take place in Manchester as follows:

28th September 2009 – 2nd October 2009

18th – 22nd January 2010

The interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on 8th, 10th, 13th July 2009 in Manchester.

The MClin Res programme will equip students with in-depth understanding and knowledge of, and excellent skills in, a range of research methods relevant to applied research in a variety of contemporary clinical practice contexts. The programme is particularly aimed at those seeking, or currently engaged in, a clinical research or clinical/academic research career. The programme provides a comprehensive education and training in research providing an excellent foundation for career development and/or a basis for students who wish to go forward to study for a PhD in the future.

The programme has a unique interdisciplinary focus, drawing on the expertise of nationally and internationally renowned lecturers and practitioners from many different fields. Though managed primarily through the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, the programme is delivered by and benefits from strong collaborations across the Faculty and NHS organisations, including the [School of Psychological Sciences](#) (SPS), the [Manchester Academic Health Science Centre](#) (MAHSC) and the [Institute of Health Sciences](#) (IHS).

The course is delivered mainly online but is complemented by two compulsory five-day campus-based introductory and winter study schools. Opportunities for face-face support are also available in some modules as an alternative to online methods for students who are able to attend.

- [Further information on the MClin Res programme and funded studentship application](#)

Please note: Applicants who do not fulfill the criteria for a funded studentship or are not offered a funded place, but who still meet the programme entry criteria, may still apply for the programme online but will be required to pay full course fees as outlined at:

<http://www.nursing.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/mcr/>