

PhD Health Studentships Health Studentship Committee Recommendations - 19 May 2016

Introduction

The Health Studentship Award aims to support capacity building in health and social care research by funding high-quality research projects that will provide robust evidence with clear relevance to service users and carers.

Applications were asked to address the stated priority areas, namely:

- Prevention and early intervention;
- Chronic conditions management; and
- Service organisation and delivery.

The most recent call also incorporated a Health Inequalities theme. Applicants could apply to the general scheme or through the health inequalities theme.

Health Studentship Committee Recommendations

The Committee met on 19 May 2016 to consider twenty-seven applications, eight of which covered the Health Inequalities theme. The Committee recommended five applications for funding (total amount: £326, 923) subject to appropriate checks and amendments. None of the applications addressing the Health Inequalities theme were recommended for funding.

Funded Applications

All recommendations were subsequently accepted by Health and Care Research Wales and the following projects funded.

Reference	Lead Supervisor	Host	PhD Studentship Project
HS-16-07	Simon Murphy	Cardiff University	Development of Methodological Guidance for the Coproduction of Health Interventions: Targeting wellbeing in secondary schools to prevent mental health issues
HS-16-31	Nefyn Williams	Cardiff University	The provision of general medical services by non-medical health professionals: systematic review, survey and mixed methods study
HS-16-33	Gareth Jenkins	Cardiff University	A novel high-throughput approach to stratify patients based on chemotherapeutic response
HS-16-38	Deyarina Gonzalez	Swansea University	Therapeutic exosomes as novel treatment for ovarian cancer

HS-16-39	Julie Albon	Cardiff University	Optic nerve microstructure: a significant indicator of disease severity.
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Further information on these projects will be available in the Health & Care Research Wales Funded Projects Portfolio (to be published shortly).

Studentship Committee Members in Attendance

Professor Paul Morgan (Chair)	Cardiff University
Professor Martin Caraher	City University London
Dr Gwyneth Davies	Swansea University
Dr Ruth Davies	Swansea University
Professor Robert van Deursen	Cardiff University
Dr Ed Dudley	Swansea University
Professor Gareth Jenkins	Swansea University
Professor Ken Jones	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Professor Venkateswarlu Kanamarlapudi	Swansea University
Dr Paul Lewis	Swansea University
Professor Keith Lloyd	Swansea University
Dr Keith Morris	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Mrs Karen Shepherd	Public Member
Dr Rhys Thatcher	Aberystwyth University
Dr Eiddwen Thomas	Public Member
Professor Reyer Zwiggelaar	Aberystwyth University

Apologies

Professor Nick Topley	Cardiff University
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Further information on the Studentship Committee including current members, selection and Conflict of Interest policies are available at [\[insert link\]](#).