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Applying for the presidential development fund FAQs

WHAT SUPPORT CAN I APPLY FOR?

You can apply for funding to support the completion of a BPS accredited master's degree in psychology. Funding is available to cover course fees and a maintenance grant depending on individual circumstances.

You can apply to fund either part-time or full-time training.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

To be eligible for a grant, you must:

Be a member of the British Psychological Society for at least 12 months before you submit your application.

Be a resident in the UK.

Be applying for a BPS accredited master's degree.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

You'll need to have some important information to hand before starting your application.. Before you apply, you will need:

Details of the BPS accredited master's degree you wish to undertake.

A short outline of why you want to take this course and why you have aspirations of becoming a psychologist.

Information detailing your circumstances and reasons for seeking support from the fund.

Evidence that you are not in receipt of a taxable salary or that you fall within the lowest tax band.

Written confirmation that you are not in receipt of a research studentship or other source of financial support for your postgraduate studies.

Official confirmation of completion of a BPS accredited undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in psychology.

Identification, which clearly shows your name and date of birth (e.g. current passport or driving license).

An official document evidencing your name and postal address in the UK (e.g. recent utility bill, bank statement, letter from employer or university).

Official confirmation from the higher education institution (or equivalent) of the course fees.

A completed equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) form.

WHEN WILL I HEAR ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

We will contact you within two working days to confirm receipt of your application and to advise you of when the board expects to reach a decision (usually within approximately six weeks of the application deadline). We will contact you by email to let you know the outcome of your application.

HOW WILL THE GRANT BE PAID?

We will make payments for course fees directly to the higher education institution as soon as we receive official confirmation from the institution that you have been accepted onto the course.

IF MY APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL, CAN I APPEAL IT?

You cannot appeal an unsuccessful application.

IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE FUND?

For the duration of your master's course, you will be encouraged to demonstrate the impact of this grant by presenting at conferences, writing blogs for the website and making submissions to our publications and e-newsletters.