



MSc Advanced Health and Care Management (Value-Based) - Full Fee Scholarships

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY ELIGIBILITY, ALLOCATION PROCESS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND APPLICATION FORM

Intensive Learning Academies, Full Fee Scholarships Allocation Policy

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

Welsh Government wish to support professional learners in the NHS, Social Care and Third Sectors in Wales to undertake education and personal development in key policy areas and have established an Academy programme for this purpose. Grant funding from Welsh Government allows each Academy to offer a number of generous scholarships for eligible applicants.

Several full fee scholarships are available at Swansea University on the MSc Advanced Health and Care Management programme (Value-Based) which will be allocated in line with the criteria below.

Please note that this scholarship form is for the Value-Based pathway only.

Funding is also available to support a place on the Taught doctorate (DBA) and the Executive Education programme. Information in relation to these is provided elsewhere.

If you would like to discuss your application for a funded place, please contact the [Programme Director, Dr Roderick Thomas](#).

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

- i. Students follow the standard Swansea University MSc application process
- ii. Students can apply for a funded place alongside their application for a place on the programme but applications for the funded places will only be considered following the decision that they are eligible for a place on the programme
- iii. Students need to complete the application form below including the statement of support from their employer
- iv. The award of Scholarships will be decided by the Funded Places Award Panel and applicants will be advised. Those unsuccessful in the scholarship awards may take up their place as self-funding learners if they wish to do so.
- v. Applications for Scholarships must be made by the **Monday 3rd June 2024 at 4pm**. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by the **24th June 2024**.
- vi. Students will not be paid the scholarship funding but will receive a notification on enrolment that their fees have been paid.

3. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING PROCESS

- i. Scholarships will be awarded by the Funded Places Award Panel. The panel consists of the Programme Director, Pathway lead and a cognate from outside the Value-Based Academy.
- ii. Full fee scholarships are awarded on the evidence of the greatest benefit to the applicant, their employer and the patients, service users or community that they support as well as contributing towards the outcomes of a Healthier Wales¹. This decision will be based upon the evidence submitted in the application form from the applicant and their employer. In the event that not all scholarships are awarded, unallocated funded places will be carried forward for future courses.
- iii. The panel will agree in each funding round the exact allocation of scholarships in line with the amount of funding available and any unallocated places carried forward from previous cohorts.
- iv. Applications will be scored as set out in the application form at Appendix 1 below and ranked in each sector.
- v. Applicants who are not-satisfied with the decision of the Funded Places Award Panel should contact Dr Roderick Thomas, Programme Director in the first instance.
- vi. A report on the allocation of funding will be made to the ILA Decision and Approval Board.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- i. Applicants need to meet the entry requirements for a place on the MSc Advanced Health and Care Management programme.
- ii. Applicants must be:
 - o currently working with/for the National Health Service, in Health Care, Social Care or the Voluntary Sector in Wales, and
 - o Have confirmation of support signed by their employer using the proforma provided by the University and
 - o a UK national or have 'settled status' (that means no restrictions on how long applicants can stay in the UK); and
 - o living in the UK and Islands for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course.
- iii. Applicants must be applying for the MSc Advanced Health and Care Management (Value-Based) commencing academic year 2024-25.
- iv. Fee Scholarships are available to candidates applying to full-time and part-time programmes of study if they satisfy all other eligibility criteria.
- v. The Scholarships are non-means tested i.e. will not depend on an applicant's family income.
- vi. Students who already have full or partial funding will not be considered.

¹ <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/in-brief-a-healthier-wales-our-plan-for-health-and-social-care.pdf>

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- i. A full scholarship covers the tuition fees at the rate applicable during the time of study for the MSc to cover the full programme fees. Part-time candidates have their fee scholarship pro-rated to cover their fees over the duration of the programme.
- ii. Candidates should apply for their fee scholarship alongside their application for a place on the programme. Candidates should attach their scholarship application (see Appendix 1 below) to their programme application.
- iii. The Scholarship will be offset against Tuition Fee costs and candidates cannot receive the scholarship directly.
- iv. Scholarships cannot be deferred, candidates must take up the scholarship by the date stated in the award letter.
- v. Any scholarship offered to a candidate but declined prior to enrolment, will be offered to a reserve candidate. Candidates will be notified as soon as possible, however, candidates on the reserve list are advised to look at alternative funding options as there is no guarantee a Scholarship will become available.
- vi. Scholarship holders will be encouraged to participate in University marketing and recruitment activities.
- vii. A requirement of the Scholarship is that you complete² your studies.
Once awarded a Scholarship, if a student withdraws from their Postgraduate Master's degree, the Scholarship will be cancelled in full and the student may become liable* for full repayment of any scholarship amount already offset against tuition fees. **Students who withdraw on basis of compelling personal reasons (for example, health, maternity) may not be liable for full repayment of Scholarship.*
- viii. If it is deemed necessary for a Scholarship holder to suspend their studies, the Scholarship will be adjusted pro-rata up to the start of absence and the balance of the scholarship held on University account and carried forward to the year of resumption of studies.

6. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

- i. By applying to be a Swansea University scholarship student, Swansea University will be required to collect, store, use and otherwise process information about you for purposes connected with the application process and for reasons deemed necessary in order to take steps prior to entering into a contractual agreement with the University.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- i. Swansea University is an equal opportunities organisation. As such we will be operating an anonymous application process where personal details will not be visible to the panel.

² Completion in this context constitutes the attendance at the entire course and completion of the required assessments.

ii. Equal opportunities monitoring will be undertaken in line with the university's policy for equal opportunities.

APPENDIX 1: APPLICATION FORM

Equal Opportunities

Swansea University is an equal opportunities organisation. As such we will be operating an anonymous application process where the personal details will not be taken into account for the awarding of funded places. As such please can you ensure that only include personal identifiable information where indicated on the form.

Part 1: Personal Identifiable Information. [This section is for administrative purposes and will not be made available to the decision panel]

NAME	
SU APPLICATION NUMBER	
DATE OF BIRTH	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

*Please attach your completed scholarship application form to your online course application. Please also send a copy of the scholarship application separately to **VBHCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk***

Part 2: How the course will benefit you, your organisation, and the patients /service users you work with. (Please avoid using personally identifiable information if possible) Please refer to the guidance notes provided.

Please tell us the sector, employer and setting in which you work and how your current role is aligned with the learning objectives of this course (Maximum 300 words – 5 points allocated)

Maximum marks will be awarded for statements that show a clear alignment with the majority of learning objectives as they relate to the individual's role.

How will your learning contribute to delivering Welsh health and social care policy as it pertains to Value-Based Health and Care? (max 300 words – 5 points allocated)

This can include contributions to delivering 'A Healthier Wales' and the Welsh Value in Health Centre strategy as well as any other Welsh Government policies specific to your sector.

Maximum marks will be awarded for statements which demonstrate that applicants understand how their learning will result in improved practice, aligned with Welsh Government policy.

What impact will have this course have for your organisation and service users? (Maximum 500 words?) – 5 points allocated)

This could include anticipated benefits to services, staff, service users or process improvement.

Marks will be awarded to statements which demonstrate an understanding that Value-Based health and care relates to better outcomes within the available resources, with maximum marks will awarded for statements which demonstrate an understanding of their own capacity to develop and implement Value-Based health and care changes in their organisation.

Referring to relevant research or sector/professional literature will help demonstrate the expected level of preparation for this programme.

PART 3: EMPLOYER STATEMENT

To be completed by the applicant's line manager or relevant senior manager

Please discuss how your organisation will benefit from the learner's participation on the programme and workplace-based project and what impact you expect it to create. (Maximum 500 words? – 5 points allocated)

This can include references to 'A Healthier Wales' and the Welsh Value in Health Centre strategy as well as any other Welsh Government policies specific to the applicant's sector. Maximum marks will be awarded for statements which demonstrate:

- *a clear alignment with Welsh Government policy.*
- *an understanding of the applicant's capacity to develop and implement Value-Based Health and Care changes in their organisation.*
- *anticipated benefits to services, staff, service users or process improvement*
- *an understanding that Value-Based Health and Care relates to better outcomes within the available resources.*

Please tick the boxes below to confirm that, if successful, the applicant will be supported to have sufficient protected time to complete the programme and project and undertake the self-directed learning required.

- I can confirm that the applicant will have protected time to study of at least 7 hours per week.
- I can confirm that within that 7 hours I understand that there is a requirement to attend the following:
 - Weekly live 2-hour seminars on Fridays (virtual)
 - One full day in person workshop per 15-credit module
 - Pre reading and presentation preparation

(By signing this form, you confirm that you support the applicant's protected time to complete the programme as stated above)

Please use the space to include any other statements related to the support offered by your organisation:

Organisation's representative name

Role Title:

Date:

Signed by: _____

on behalf of

Organisation: _____

