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**PG Certificate Advanced Management (Applied Innovation) Scholarships**

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

**Intensive Learning Academies, 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 the Academy to offer a limited number of generous scholarships for eligible applicants.

There are a limited number of full fee scholarships available on the PG Certificate Advanced Management (Applied Innovation), and these will be allocated in line with the criteria below.

If you would like to discuss your application for a scholarship place, please contact the Programme Director, Dr Dan Rees.

1. APPLICATION PROCESS
2. Students follow the standard Swansea University PG Certificate application process.
	* 1. Students can apply for a scholarship alongside their application for a place on the programme but applications for the scholarship will only be considered following the decision that they are eligible for a place on the programme
		2. Students need to complete the scholarship application form below including the statement of support from their employer. Please send a copy of this form to [IHSCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk](file:///C%3A/Users/lisa.rinaldi/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/G54T9AMM/IHSCAcademy%40swansea.ac.uk). Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed.
3. The award of Scholarships will be decided by the Scholarship Panel and applicants will be advised. Those unsuccessful in the scholarship award may take up their place as self-funding learners if they wish to do so.
4. Applications for Scholarships must be made by 5pm MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025. Applicants will be notified of the panel’s decision no later than 3 weeks after this date.
	* 1. Students will not be paid the scholarship funding but will receive a notification on enrolment that part of their fees have been paid.
5. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING PROCESS
6. Scholarships will be awarded by the Scholarship Award Panel. The panel consists of the Programme Director, Pathway academic, and a cognate from outside the Innovation Academy.
7. Part 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 Wales[[1]](#footnote-2). 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 funds will be carried forward for future courses.
8. 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.
9. Applications will be scored as set out in the application form at Appendix 1 below and ranked in each section.
10. Applicants who are not satisfied with the decision of the Funded Places Award Panel should contact Dr Dan Rees, Programme Director in the first instance.
11. A report on the allocation of funding will be made to the Intensive Learning Academy (ILA) Decision and Approval Board.
12. ELIGIBILITY
13. Applicants need to meet the entry requirements for a place on the PG Certificate Advanced Management (Applied Innovation) programme.

 Applicants must be:

* + currently working with/for the National Health Service, in Health Care, Social Care or the Voluntary Sector in Wales, and
	+ have confirmation of support signed by their employer using the proforma provided by the University and
	+ a UK national or have 'settled status' (that means no restrictions on how long applicants can stay in the UK); and

living in the UK and Islands for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course.

have been accepted on to the Climb programme.

1. Applicants must be applying for the PG Certificate Advanced Management (Applied Innovation) commencing academic year 2025-2026.
2. Scholarships are available to candidates applying to part-time programmes of study subject to all other eligibility criteria listed above.
3. The Scholarships are non-means tested i.e. will not depend on an applicant’s household income.
4. Students who already have full or partial funding will not be considered.
5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
6. A part fee scholarship contributes to the UK tuition fees at the rate applicable during the time of study for the PG Cert.
7. Candidates should apply for their scholarship alongside their application for a place on the programme. Candidates should attach their scholarship application (see Appendix 1 below) to their programme application and send a copy of this form to IHSCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk
8. The Scholarship will be offset against part of the Tuition Fee costs and candidates cannot receive the scholarship directly.
9. Scholarships cannot be deferred, candidates must take up the scholarship by the date stated in the award letter.
10. 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.
11. Scholarship holders will be encouraged to participate in University marketing and recruitment activities.
12. A requirement of the Scholarship is that you complete[[2]](#footnote-3) your studies.

Once awarded a Scholarship, if a student withdraws from their PG Certificate programme, 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.*

1. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)
2. 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.
3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
4. 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.
5. Equal opportunities monitoring will be undertaken in line with the university’s policy for equal opportunities.

**APPENDIX 1: APPLICATION FORM**

**PG Certificate Advanced Management (Applied Innovation)**

**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 part 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]**

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| **NAME:** |  |
| **SU APPLICATION NUMBER:** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  |
| **Previous Climb participant?** |  |
| **HEALTH BOARD / ORGANISATION:** |  |
| **Confirm UK resident (for home fees)** |  |

***Please send a copy of this form to*** ***IHSCAcademy@swansea.ac.uk*** ***along with the enclosed Research Project Proposal.***

***Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed.***

Please note that if you have already completed your Climb experience, you will need to revisit your findings in order to meet the assessment criteria for the 15 M Level credits.

Swansea University ethics approval is mandatory for all research. Research should be focused on practitioners or processes rather than patients directly.  For further details on Swansea University research ethics requirements please visit [Research Ethics - Swansea University](https://www.swansea.ac.uk/research/research-integrity-ethics-governance/research-ethics/)

Module assessment is structured as follows: ​

**Assessment 1**

Individual Research Project Proposal Presentation 10% of total mark (20 minutes/15 slides approximately).

Deadline: **April 2026. ​**

**Assessment 2**

Individual Research 60% of total mark (Work Based Project Report 8,000 words). ​

Deadline: **End of September 2026.**

**Assessment 3**

Individual Reflective Report 30% of total mark (Report 1,000 words)​.

Deadline: **End of September 2026**

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| **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.**

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| **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)** |
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| **Please provide an outline of your work-based research project that you wish to develop for the PG Certificate (Applied Innovation) (Maximum 500 words – 5 points allocated)** |
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| **How will your work-based innovation project contribute to delivering any of the Welsh NHS key priorities for health and social care, as listed below?** **(max 500 words – 5 points allocated)** |
| * **Tackling Delayed Transfers of Care** -health and social care working closer together
* **Primary and Community Care** – focus on improved access across general practice, dentistry, optometry and pharmacy. Alignment of activity with and across IMTPs and RPB Area Plans is desirable
* **NHS Planned Care & Recovery** – innovation ecosystem activity must include a focus on earlier intervention and better prevention. Diagnostic services improvement and the creation of treatment centres for future delivery
* **Mental Health, CAMH Services and emotional wellbeing –** improving services across all age ranges, boosting prevention approaches
* **Supporting cancer services** in tackling backlogs and treatment waits at all stages on the cancer pathway
* **Urgent and Emergency Care –** contributing to the six goals and the reduction in ambulance patient handover waits.
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| **What impact do you expect having completed this course will have on:*** + - 1. **your own personal development**
			2. **future improvements in your organisation**
			3. **service users’ experience**
			4. **other – any other relevant benefit**

 **(Maximum 500 words?) – 5 points allocated** |
| *This could include expected benefits for services, staff, service users, or improving processes. The highest marks are awarded for statements that demonstrate an understanding of their ability to develop and implement innovation and transformation within their organisation. Referring to relevant sector/professional research or literature will help to 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**

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| **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 Innovation 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 changes in their organisation.*
* *anticipated benefits to services, staff, service users or process improvement*
* *an understanding that innovation and transformation relates to better outcomes within the available resources.*
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| **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:□ max 4 x 2-hour seminars on Fridays (virtual) between March and May□ One weekend in person workshop (April)□ Monthly supervision sessions of approximately one hour either in person or online□ 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:* |
| **Line Manager name:Role Title:****Date:** |
| **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **on behalf of** **Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |

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1. <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/in-brief-a-healthier-wales-our-plan-for-health-and-social-care.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Completion in this context constitutes the attendance at the entire course and completion of the required assessments. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)