Career Development and the Learning & Development Scheme

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• Collaborative review of the training and career development pathways for researchers in the health and social care community in Wales published in February 2022.

• Focus on research careers for health and social care professionals across all disciplines, all sectors and specialties and at all stages of research careers.

• Outcome: a set of 17 recommendations to improve opportunities for research career pathways for health and social care researchers in Wales.
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New Faculty Personal Award Schemes
Learning & Development Scheme

• Established in 2017/18; 5 calls (until 2022); 52 awards made (30 completed to date)
  • £373,998 committed across all calls

• Majority of awards (30) funded MSc

• Review undertaken in 2022/23
  • To review administration and scope of the L&D scheme with a view to making recommendations for improvement for future calls
  • Desk review of scheme including all award information
  • 2 surveys developed and circulated during December to:
    • L&D award holders
    • All S&D staff
  • Responses: 29 of 52 award holders responded; 146 S&D staff responded
Learning & Development Scheme 2023

• Revised call launched in February 2023

• Broader eligibility for funding:
  • **Stream A:** Masters in Research degree or equivalent Masters-level research training in applied health and social care. Ability to apply for up to 0.2wte salary support.
  • **Stream B:** Professional development courses provided by University of South Wales (USW) to support a range of management responsibilities.
  • **Stream C:** Any other role related or specialist training / professional development course as identified by the staff member and line manager

• Applications received:
  • 5 – Stream A
  • 13 – Stream B
  • 12 – Stream C

• L&D Panel to meet 28th March; application outcomes early April.

• Enhanced support for L&D scheme award holders being developed
Career Development Support for S&D Staff

HCRW Training Programme

Learning & Development Scheme

HCRW Faculty Personal Awards

S&D Workforce Development Initiatives

Core Research Delivery Training

Specialist Role-Related Training

Research Delivery MSc

Facilitate access to training by other providers

Management/Leadership skills

Salaried PhD

Clinical Research Practitioner