

# BASPCAN Anne Wingate Paterson Scholarship

## Purpose

The BASPCAN Anne Wingate Paterson Scholarship was established to promote the study of child welfare and protection. It provides individuals with the opportunity to pursue postgraduate study at a Scottish Higher Education Institute in the field of child abuse and/or neglect (CAN). Proposed studies must address one or more of the following: identification of CAN; impact of CAN; effective responses to CAN; prevention of CAN.

The scholarship was established from a legacy left to BASPCAN by Anne Paterson who died in 2016. Anne was a dedicated member of the Association and left provision in her will to support an annual scholarship for the study and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

## Value

The BASPCAN Anne Wingate Paterson Scholarship is an individual award of up to £5000. The award is disbursed annually to fund the payment of course fees. It may also fund ancillary costs where clearly stated in the application.

## Eligibility

The award is available to applicants who have a confirmed place on a postgraduate course of research or study within a Scottish university. The proposed programme of research or study will commence in the forthcoming academic year. The programme must be at level 11 or 12 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

A selection panel will consider applications against the essential and desirable criteria, and its decision will be final.

Applicants do **not** need to be members of BASPCAN to be eligible for the Paterson Scholarship. Non-members are also welcome to apply. Previous recipients of the scholarship are eligible to apply only if they have fulfilled all the terms of their previous award/s and submitted their report/s in a timely fashion. First time applicants may be given priority.

## Award criteria

### Essential

- The applicant will be working in the field of child abuse and neglect.
- The proposed programme of study or research will be at postgraduate level (Masters or Doctoral) and directly related to; the identification of, the impact of, effective responses to, or the prevention of, child abuse and neglect.
- The proposed programme of research or study will address issues of multidisciplinary practice.
- The programme will be based at a Higher Education Institute in Scotland.
- The applicant will have a confirmed offer of a place on their chosen programme of research or study.
- Applicants will provide a clear plan for dissemination of any research findings and measurement of impact.

### Desirable

- Alternative sources of funding will not be available elsewhere.
- Applications will clearly indicate aims of study in relation to demonstrable improvement of outcomes for children and young people, either directly or indirectly through improved service outcomes.
- Applications will address topical or current issues and any specific subject criteria which BASPCAN may stipulate for the year of the award.

### Conditions

- The award will be used wholly to fund full-time or part-time studies and any unused amount will be repaid to BASPCAN if the proposed programme of study or research does not proceed.

- The student will produce a brief interim report for BASPCAN at the end of the award year and will submit a copy of their final assessed work or research output on completion of their studies indicating the outcomes and impact of their funded activity.
- The student agrees to participate in BASPCAN activities to disseminate any research findings and promote the award.

### Application process

Applications will close at **5pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted for the current year but may be considered for the next year. Applications will be considered by a selection committee constituted by BASPCAN and their decision will be final. The successful applicant will be contacted by **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**. If you have not heard by this date then your application has been unsuccessful. The award will be made by bank transfer directly to the student.