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AGIP Bursary Scheme



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INTRODUCTION

Our bursary scheme has been established in recognition of the deep-rooted structural inequalities that shape access to psychotherapy training in the UK. We are committed to inclusivity and acknowledge that this commitment must be proactive to contend with the enduring legacies of colonialism and systemic racism that continue to define who is seen as belonging - and who is excluded - within the psychotherapy profession.

The field of psychotherapy in the UK is still overwhelmingly white. These disparities are not accidental, but rather the result of structural barriers that have historically privileged whiteness in professional and academic spaces. In 2008, 98% of UKCP members reported being white.

In the 2023 UKCP members survey, there has been some positive change, but there is still significant under representation with only 3.7% being Asian/Asian British, 3.1%, Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups, 2.8% Black/African/Caribbean/Black British, and 1.9% being from other ethnic groups. The majority of members reported being white (75.3%) and 13.4% preferred not to say.

Training as a psychotherapist is a significant financial undertaking, one that is not supported by public student funding and spans multiple years. This reality disproportionately affects individuals from racialised and other marginalised communities (such as disabled people and their carers or people from low-income families), who are more likely to experience economic hardship due to the current and intergenerational impacts of systemic discrimination.

At AGIP, we recognise that the cost of training is not merely a financial issue, but a mechanism through which racial and other types of exclusion (such as disabilism) is maintained in our field. In response, we offer several bursaries specifically aimed at supporting individuals from under-represented and structurally marginalised backgrounds. These bursaries are one part of our ongoing efforts to confront the oppressive dynamics that shape our profession and to help cultivate a more equitable and representative therapeutic community.

BURSARIES ON OFFER

There are four bursary awards offered by AGIP.

FOUNDATION COURSE

Two £500 bursaries for the Foundation course. One available to students of minority ethnic backgrounds and one offered to students based on a means tested economic assessment.

CLINICAL COURSE

Two £1,000 bursaries, for each of the three years of the course. One available to students of minority ethnic backgrounds and one offered to students based on a means tested economic assessment.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, applicants must either:

1. Be part of a minority ethnic group, identified as significantly underrepresented in the mental health professions (Office of National Statistics, 2018) as follows:

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| ❖ Arab | ❖ Black – Other |
| ❖ Asian – Bangladeshi | ❖ Gypsy or Traveller |
| ❖ Asian – Chinese | ❖ Mixed - White/Black Caribbean |
| ❖ Asian – Indian | ❖ Mixed - White/Black African |
| ❖ Asian – Pakistani | ❖ Mixed - White and Asian |
| ❖ Asian – Other | ❖ Mixed – Other |
| ❖ Black – African | ❖ Other - Any other Black or Minority Ethnic Group |
| ❖ Black – Caribbean | |

2. Or, need financial support due to their personal economic circumstances (for example, being a single parent, low-income household, carer or similar).

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for a bursary, you will need to go through the standard course application process first and receive an offer of a place. There is no need to accept your offer until you have received the outcome of your bursary application.

The application process for the AGIP Bursary 2025/2026 is managed by the Bursary Panel. By submitting a bursary application, candidates agree to the terms and conditions of the AGIP Bursary 2025/2026 as set out in this document.

Unfortunately, not all bursary applications are successful due to the volume of applications and the funds available. The decisions of the Bursary Panel are final and not subject to appeal. The Panel is unable to provide feedback.

The payment of the bursary will be made in the form a discount on the original course fees rather than a payment to the beneficiary's account.

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- **Foundation:** Applications close June 2025
- **Clinical:** Applications close July 2025
- **July 2025:** Bursary Panel to make final decisions
- **August 2025:** Applicants notified whether they have been successful or not

APPLICATION FORM

The application form is available on the website or from the office via, please email us on training@agip.org.uk.

Click [here](#) to download the application form.

Please make sure your application form is correct and complete and that it includes all evidence that we require, i.e. proof of income, bank statements, etc.

Applications cannot be changed after they are submitted. Please check our website for the most up to date information on closing dates.

For any further questions about the application process, please email:

training@agip.org.uk.

THE SELECTION PROCESS AND AGIP BURSARY PANEL ASSESSMENT

After the deadline for submissions, the AGIP bursary co-ordinator will anonymise all completed applications and send them to the Bursary Panel.

The Bursary Panel will meet online or in person to assess bursary applications. On occasion, it may be necessary for a member of Bursary Panel to contact an applicant or referee to ensure the information is being correctly interpreted and the assessment is fair.

The Bursary Panel will decide which applicants should receive a bursary. The awards will endeavour to reflect AGIP's commitment to diversity and equality.

Once the decision is made, applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by email.

CHANGES IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

REPEATING A YEAR

The bursary will not normally cover fees for a student to repeat a year or part year

WITHDRAWAL

A student who withdraws prior to completing their course will not normally be requested to repay any bursary up to the point of withdrawal however entitlement to all future funding will cease.

DEFERRAL

Students who defer for one year during the course will have their bursary suspended; it will restart on their return to study. Students who defer for more than a year will have their eligibility for a bursary reviewed on their return to study. Continuation after a deferral will be dependent on the level of funds available for bursaries at that time.

SUSPENSION

Should the student be suspended or subject to disciplinary or Fitness to Practice proceedings for any reason the bursary will be withdrawn and consideration given to reinstatement depending on the result of disciplinary proceedings.