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Pharmacy Practice Research Trust invites proposals for new collaborative partnerships with social science academia

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (the Trust) is inviting academic PhD supervisors to submit expressions of interest for developing a collaborative application for submission to either the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) or the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The two schemes that the Trust is interested in pursuing and supporting are the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards or the ESRC CASE Studentships.

Both the AHRC and the ESRC have funding schemes in place to allow collaboration between the public/private sector and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The Trust has already supported a number of AHRC collaborative awards which are intended to encourage and develop collaboration between Higher Education Institution departments and non-academic bodies. ESRC CASE studentships provide funding for students to undertake three years of study for a PhD degree which are jointly designed and supervised by an ESRC recognised university department and a non-academic organisation.

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“With the pharmacist’s growing clinical role and integration into mainstream healthcare there’s an increasing need for pharmacy research to move from a largely science based professional model to one that incorporate social science and philosophy” says Dr Sue Ambler, Director of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust. “We are therefore seeking to forge new collaborative academic partnerships which will develop research capacity for the pharmacy profession.”

The deadline for submissions of expressions of interest for the ARHC and ESRC schemes is 2 June 2008. Contact Beth Allen, Research Programme Co-ordinator at the Trust for further information at beth.allen@rpsgb.org or call 020 7572 2466.

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Notes to editors:

1. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

The Pharmacy Practice Trust was established in July 1999 as an independent research charity with a broad objective to promote and develop the field of pharmacy practice research. Its trustees are drawn from senior health policy makers, leading academics, industrialists and retailers. For further information email: practiceresearch@rpsgb.org

2. Eligibility

The proposed project must comfortably sit under one of the Trust’s five broad, overarching themes of:

- The health of the public and the place of medicines
- The right medicine for the right patient: preventing medication errors
- Pharmacy: a profession fit for purpose

- Medicines and the health of communities
- Science, technology and medicines

N.B. ESRC CASE Studentships are only open to those academic departments that are “CASE recognized”.

3. Funding

ESRC CASE Studentships

From ESRC:

- Standard tuition fees and maintenance grants
- Research Training Support (£750)

From the Trust:

- Up to £4,000 annual cash contribution to student
- A maximum of £2,000 annual cash contribution to academic dept

AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards

From AHRC:

- Standard tuition fees and maintenance grants
- £500 pa to the student

From the Trust:

- Up to £6,000 annual maintenance contribution to the student

4. Important Dates

The deadline for submission of expressions of interest for both the AHRC and ESRC schemes is **2 June 2008**.

Submissions will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of the outcome by

4 August 2008.

Work will then commence on the proposal to meet the deadline of **14 November 2008** for both schemes