

**NIHR INSIGHT for the West Midlands Studentship Application form**

**Round 2: September 2025 intake**

You may wish to consult the [FAQs section on our website](https://www.arc-wm.nihr.ac.uk/insight-west-midlands/#FAQs)

to inform completion of your application

**Upon completion, submit this form to** **INSIGHT@contacts.bham.ac.uk**

# Section 1: Eligibility Declaration

Applicants must complete the below Eligibility Declaration Statements.

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| **Please check either statement 1 or statement 2 to declare that you are at an “early career” stage** **Please note, for those who are internationally educated, years of practice must be calculated from the date of qualification/registration in your home country.** |
| 1 | I declare that I meet the eligibility criteria defining “early career” because:1. I am a recent graduate (2024/5)
2. I have been working as a registered health or social work professional for no more than 5 years (*see* [*Appendix 1*](#_Appendix_1:_Eligible) *for eligible regulatory bodies*).
 | [ ]  |
| 2 | I declare that I have been working in practice for more than 5 years, but there are circumstances (such as a career break, or time out for caring responsibilities) that justify my eligibility under the definition of “early career” | [ ]  |
| **If you have checked Eligibility Declaration Statement 1 (EDS1) please continue to EDS3.****If you have checked EDS2, please provide further detail justifying your eligibility.**  |
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| **I have discussed the circumstances described above with the INSIGHT Programme for the West Midlands Team and been advised that I am eligible** | Choose an item. |
| 3 | I declare that I am registered, or working towards registration, with one of the Regulatory Bodies listed in [*Appendix 1*](#_Appendix_1:_Eligible). | [ ]  |
| 4 | Please enter the Regulatory Body with which you are/will be registered with |  |
| 5 | I declare that I meet the entry requirements for both my first and second choices of Master’s course (<https://www.arc-wm.nihr.ac.uk/insight-west-midlands/#Courses>) | [ ]  |
| 6 | I understand that course fees are payable at UK/Home rates only and that I hold permanent residence in the UK. International rates are not payable via this programme | [ ]  |

**Applications without completed declarations will not be considered.**

# Section 2: Studentship details

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| **Mode of study** |
| Choose an item... |
| **Please note: Part-time students are required to have written support from their employer to enrol on the course and complete any necessary requirements.** Whilst this is not a pre-requisite of application, should you be offered a NIHR INSIGHT for the West Midlands Studentship Award, line manager support will be a condition of that offer. |
| **Line Manager Support** | Choose an item... |
| **Please check to confirm you understand line management approval is a pre-requisite of part-time study** | [ ]  |
| **Research Master’s Degree: First choice** |
| **HEI** | Choose an item... | **Course** | Choose an item... |
| **Research Master’s Degree: Second choice** |
| **HEI** | Choose an item... | **Course** | Choose an item... |
| **Please tell us how you heard about the NIHR INSIGHT Programme for the West Midlands** |
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# Section 3: Personal details

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| **First name(s)** |  |
| **Last name** |  |
| **Previous last name (if applicable)** |  |
| **Home address** |  |
| **Term time address (if applicable)** |  |
| **Post code** |  |
| **Contact e-mail address** |  |
| **Contact telephone number** |  |
| **Country of permanent residence** |  |
| **Country of birth** |  |
| **If born outside the UK, date of first entry to live in the UK** |  |
| **I am happy for my application form to be shared in confidence with partner Universities for purposes of consideration for NIHR INSIGHT for West Midlands Award (please sign)**  |  |
| **I am happy for my Name and email contact address to be shared with the national NIHR Insight Team (please sign)**  |  |

# Section 4: Academic details

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| **First (or Undergraduate) Degree:** **NB: If you are graduating this year, please provide your predicted grade** |
| **Institution** | **Full Award Title** | **Start date** | **End date** | **Grade** |
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| **Postgraduate Qualifications (if any)** |
| **Institution** | **Full Award Title** | **Start date** | **End date** | **Grade** |
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| **Professional Qualifications (if any)** |
| **Institution** | **Full Award Title** | **Start date** | **End date** | **Grade** |
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| **English Language Qualifications**If your first language is not English, please state which qualifications (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL) in English Language you hold or are currently studying, the score or grade if known and date taken. Please attach a photocopy of transcript and certificate if available.  |
| **Type of Qualification** | **Month** | **Year** | **Grade** |
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# Section 5: Employment details

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| **Present employer (if any)** |
| **Employer name** |  |
| **Employer address** |  |
| **Role/Job title** |  |
| **Full-time/Part-time (FT/PT)** |  |
| **Dates of employment (from-to)** |  |
| **Previous Employers (if any)** |
| **Employer** | **Role/Job title** | **FT/PT** | **Dates** |
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# Section 6: Supporting statement

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| Please state here your reasons for wishing to pursue a Masters Degree Studentship through the NIHR INSIGHT Programme for West Midlands, your chosen programme, and give any details of any other relevant skills, achievements or experience in support of your application. **(MAX 500 Words)** |
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# Section 7: Previous applications

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| Please give details (with dates) of any previous applications to study for a higher degree at any of the NIHR INSIGHT programme for West Midlands HEIs (Birmingham City University, University of Birmingham, Coventry University, University of Keele, Staffordshire University, University of Warwick) |
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# Section 8: Declaration

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| I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate and no information requested, or other significant material information has been omitted. |
| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

# Section 9: EDI Monitoring

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Monitoring Information**

The INSIGHT Programme for West Midlands will promote, plan, manage and monitor equal opportunities and, in particular, will monitor race, gender and disability in relation to its student and staff profiles. Where necessary, appropriate positive action may be taken to ensure an equitable gender balance and appropriate representation of minority ethnic groups and people with disability.

It would be helpful if you could supply the following information to assist us in meeting this requirement.

The information you supply will be kept strictly confidential. It will not be seen or used during the selection process and will be anonymised for statistical monitoring purposes only.

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| Age |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Sex | Choose and item... |
| Does your gender identity match your sex as registered at birth? | Choose an item... |
| Marital Status | Choose an item... |
| Sexual Orientation | Choose an item... |
| Nationality | Choose an item... |
| Nationality detail |  |
| Religion/Belief | Choose an item... |
| Ethnic origin | White - British |
| National Insurance Number  | Choose an item... |
| Disability is defined by the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term (at least 12 months) effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. |
| Do you have a disability as defined by the Equality Act? | Choose an item... |
| Would you like assistance to participate in interview? | Choose an item... |

# Appendix 1: Eligible Regulatory Bodies

Applicants applying for an NIHR INSIGHT West Midlands Master’s Studentship MUST be registered, or working towards registration, with one of the following regulatory bodies:

* Academy for Healthcare Science
* General Chiropractic Council
* General Dental Council (not dentists)
* General Medical Council (not doctors)
* General Optical Council
* General Osteopathic Council
* General Pharmaceutical Council
* Health and Care Professions Council
* Nursing and Midwifery Council
* Social Work England
* UK Public Health Register