**The Martin Lawlor Research Bursary Award**

This fund is to advance your knowledge in self-harm and suicide prevention research. We would like to hear about how you would spend the award money in a way that will benefit your professional and career development.

Dr Martin Lawlor was a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist who specialised in self-harm and suicide research and was a friend and colleague of the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health (NCISH). This award has been given by his family and is supported by NCISH and State of Mind Sport.

**Aims of the award**

The Martin Lawlor Research Bursary Award aims to support early career researchers in the UK and Ireland to expand their knowledge and improve wider understanding of and practice in self-harm or suicide prevention by providing a bursary of up to £2,000 for research activity in this field. The award provides an opportunity to engage with other researchers in self-harm and suicide prevention. Example use of bursary funds include, but are not limited to, conference attendance (even if not presenting at the conference) and associated costs, visiting a centre of excellence for training, or a visit to a research unit.

**Information for applicants**

1. All applications must be made using the template application form and submitted directly to [ncish@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ncish@manchester.ac.uk) using the subject heading “Martin Lawlor Research Bursary Award Submission.” The deadline for submission is **14/03/2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
2. Applicants can apply for the cost of the research activities up to **a maximum of £2,000** (full bursary award to be paid in advance to the recipient on receipt of an approximate budget for the activity).
3. All sections must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Applications will be assessed on the main objective of your proposal and how this will benefit you and your studies or employment, and your supporting statement from a senior colleague.
5. Applications for retrospective conference attendance will not be considered.
6. Applications will be judged by the senior team at NCISH, NCISH researchers, members of State of Mind Sport, and members of Martin’s family.
7. The winner of the award will be announced at the NCISH Annual Conference which will be held virtually on 08/05/25. The winner will be contacted before this date and will be invited to attend the conference virtually, and to provide a photograph to be shown alongside the announcement of the award.

**Eligibility for award**

1. At the time of application, the applicant must be an active early career researcher, defined here as working in self-harm and suicide prevention research and within 5 years of achieving their highest degree.
2. Awards to successful applicants are not transferable and apply only to the researcher and the activity stated on the application.
3. The research activity does not need to be a result of the research project the researcher is currently working on.
4. Applications from researchers who do not have access to any other allowances or research support funds will be prioritised.

5. All successful applicants must complete a report about the activity for which the grant was awarded within one month of completing the activity. This report will be published on the NCISH website.

Read more about how previous Martin Lawlor Bursary Award winners used this to advance their knowledge in self-harm and suicide prevention research:

* 2024 award winner: Charlotte Williamson, PhD student (King’s College London) <https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=73541>
* 2023 award winner: Somto Chike-Obuekwe, PhD student (University of Huddersfield) <https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=70832>

**Martin Lawlor Research Bursary Award – application form 2025**

☐ Please tick the box to confirm that you are working in self-harm and suicide prevention research and within 5 years of achieving your highest degree.

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| Name of applicant |  | |
| Email address |  | |
| Job title |  | |
| Work address |  | |
| Highest degree, subject/title of highest degree and year awarded |  | |
| Proposed activity (50 words max) |  | |
| Date or time frame for proposed activity |  | |
| If the award is for conference attendance, have you had a poster/presentation accepted? | Yes/Abstract submitted, awaiting outcome/No, attending as delegate only | |
| Do you have access to any other research grant or funds to support the proposed work? |  | |
| How did you hear about this award? |  | |
| **Summary of the research activity** detailing aim, audience, and impact (100 words max) | | |
| **Summary of the benefits to you** and your professional and career development (100 words max) | | |
| **Requested budget** Please provide details of the full estimated costs requested (in sterling) of the activity. This could include for example travel, conference fees, accommodation, paying expenses related to PPI work, costs associated with running a workshop, purchasing of software to facilitate qualitative or quantitative data analysis, other incurred expenses etc. If the cost of any proposed activity exceeds £2,000, please provide details of how the remaining costs will be funded. | | |
| Name of Head of Division/Department/Discipline Area | |  |
| **Supporting statement** from Head of Division/Department/Discipline Area (100 words max) | | |
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