

Cross Sector Placements for Early Career Researchers

Who can apply?

Early career researchers, including second or third year PhD students or researchers who are within 8 years of completing their PhD or equivalent taking into account caring responsibilities, part time work and other career breaks and paths. Emerging Minds also recognises that in some disciplines researchers do not necessarily require PhDs, these applicants will be eligible unless they already have a track record of leading major research grants.

What is an Emerging Minds cross sector placement?

- Spend 3 months full time (or longer part-time, e.g.: one or two days per week) working in a host organisation in the public or third sector.
- Complete a project, to be agreed with the host, that makes the most of your knowledge and skills but that also allows you to further develop your ability to work across sectors and disciplines.
- Work with the Mental Elf to write a blog about an important recent paper of relevance to the placement, create supplementary digital content (such as an infographic, podcast interview, video summary of research findings etc) and then disseminate the blog and other content to facilitate discussions about the implications of the relevant new research.
- Ensure a brief financial report is prepared and submitted on any funding received.
- To understand and adhere to your host organisation's policies and practices, particularly with regard to safeguarding.

How does the financial side work?

The Emerging Minds network is funded by UK Research & Innovation. We will provide:

- Up to £6,000 of funding to the UK Higher Education institution university which employs or hosts the ECR to cover an additional 3 month period of the ECR's contract to undertake the placement/ or to replace their stipend/ salary for period of placement.



- Sufficient additional funding, up to £3,000 to:
 - Ensure ECRs undertaking placements are not out of pocket in terms of travel, accommodation and project costs by providing a discretionary fund that candidates can apply to and that will be paid to their Higher Education institution.

What are the overall objectives of the cross sector placements?

- To enable Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to develop their ability to work across sectors and disciplines; improving their ability to work with key stakeholders such as policy makers and practitioners.
- To develop the ability of ECRs to share research findings with key stakeholders in effective and engaging ways.
- To provide public sector and third sector organisations with skilled researchers who can deliver on specific short term, high impact research projects.
- To help foster stronger collaborations between researchers and key partners such as the public sector and third sector.
- To review and learn from this as a pilot; with consideration of how the scheme could be sustained and expanded.

Who can I contact to find out more?

If you have any questions or you'd like to have an informal conversation about this opportunity please contact Emily or Susannah on info@emergingminds.org.uk

Embracing Complexity placement

The partner	<p>Embracing Complexity is a coalition of over 50 leading UK charities working together to think differently about people with neurodevelopmental conditions (NDCs). NDCs affect up to 10% of the population and can cover a huge range of conditions, including learning disabilities, autism, speech and language problems, ADHD, Tourette's, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Down syndrome and many more. It is common for people with NDCs to have more than one condition, yet current systems are set up to consider one diagnosis at a time. We are calling for a more joined-up approach to diagnosis, services and research.</p> <p>This three-month placement will be hosted by Autistica, the UK's autism research charity, who chair the coalition.</p>
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	<p>By working together to tackle the key co-morbidities in NDCs, charities will combine for better research and information, lobby government with one voice and fast-track funding for new science to create practical solutions for everybody with NDCs.</p> <p>Website: http://embracingcomplexity.org.uk/</p> <p>Contacts: Georgia Harper, Embracing Complexity Lead and Jon Spiers, Chair of Embracing Complexity.</p>
Aim of the project	To support the Embracing Complexity Lead and Chair to build Embracing Complexity's influence in mental health research.
Timing	3 months (commencing before July 2020)
Responsibilities	<p>Work with the Embracing Complexity Lead, Embracing Complexity Chair (Autistica's CEO), coalition members and Autistica Research Team to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interview research leaders working at the intersection of mental health and neurodevelopmental conditions, including leading UK researchers and research directors within charities, to understand current priorities, barriers to trans-diagnostic research and opportunities for future collaborations. ▪ Review results of relevant priority setting partnerships to identify mental health research questions which are of importance to multiple groups of people with neurodevelopmental conditions. ▪ Investigate overseas research initiatives which span mental health and NDCs. ▪ Write up the findings into a report for researchers, charities and policymakers. ▪ Create a lay version of the report for beneficiaries to highlight the key findings. ▪ Disseminate the report and the lay summary.
Partner's contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with the researcher to enable them to deliver the agreed project, by providing a work space at Autistica's central London office, regular supervision and training etc. ▪ To ensure that the researcher has necessary pre-placement checks, e.g.: DBS.

<p>Skills & experience required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualitative research skills ▪ Experience of research on NDCs and/ or mental health ▪ Interest in the inter-relationship of NDCs and mental health ▪ Skills in communicating with non-academic audiences <p>We'd particularly welcome applications from people with conditions within the Embracing Complexity coalition Umbrella. If you require any adjustments or have any questions about the recruitment process, don't hesitate to get in touch with Georgia, Embracing Complexity Lead by email at Georgia.Harper@autistica.org.uk</p>
<p>How to apply</p>	<p>Please complete and return the cross sector placement application form to Emily & Susannah by email: info@emergingminds.org.uk</p> <p>By 10am Monday, 3rd of February 2020</p> <p>Interviews will take place in London on Tuesday 11 February 2020</p>

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