Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology – Information for International Students

We are delighted that you are considering studying Clinical Psychology at the University of East Anglia, Norwich. The UEA has a diverse and ever growing international student population. Studying and living in a different country is an exciting and rewarding experience, and it also brings new challenges.

The University of East Anglia (UEA) Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology is a partnership between the University, the National Health Service (NHS), and practising clinical psychologists in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. This leading UK Clinical Psychology Training Programme is informed by partnerships in training to deliver highly competent, robust and resilient trainees.

Embodying and upholding the values of the NHS constitution, our trainees are enabled to deliver better care at the level of individual, service and population need. The programme understands Clinical Psychology to be a reflective, caring and compassionate profession where we act with integrity to make a difference to people’s lives. At the heart of the Programme, underpinning and informing it, are the NHS values of working together for patients, respect and dignity, commitment to quality of care, compassion, improving lives and a recognition that everyone counts. The Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD) is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and at the end of the successful three years of training with us you are able to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Since 2014, we have been working with colleagues in S.E Asia on the development of the innovative and unique flexible model of training that we offer. This exclusive route allows international students an opportunity to train as a clinical psychologist with clinical practice experience gained in the UK for the first two years and as an option, to complete their final year of training internationally.

We have extended this collaboration, working with colleagues at Sunway University, Malaysia and the Malaysian Society of Clinical Psychology, National University of Singapore, and University of Bergen, Norway

Come to UEA to make a difference and we will help you to fulfil your potential.

Professor Ken Laidlaw
Programme Director

Professor Siân Coker
Head of International Developments

Dr Paul Fisher
International Tutor
An International University

Founded in 1963, the University of East Anglia (UEA) is an internationally renowned University based on a campus that provides top quality academic social and cultural facilities to over 15,000 students, 3,500 of which are from over 100 different countries worldwide.

Located in rolling parkland, and just two miles from the centre of the beautiful cathedral city of Norwich, the University is part of the Norwich Research Park which is home to over 1,000 scientists working in several world ranked institutions. The city’s motto is “A fine city” and its strong cultural heritage has seen Norwich maintain the best of its historical character whilst developing to become one of the most vibrant and attractive cities in Europe. The city is surrounded by beautiful countryside and within easy reach of the stunning Norfolk coast. A wide variety of visitors come to the region every year to enjoy boating on the Norfolk Broads, the protected nature and wildlife habitats, as well as seaside towns and beaches.

The city’s medieval centre of cobbled streets remains largely intact, but there is still space for modern buildings such as the city’s newest centrepiece, the Forum, which is a striking piece of contemporary architecture. The glass front overlooks the colourful open-air market (one of the largest in the country) and reflects the city in all its diversity. The city is consistently rated as one of the top ten shopping venues in the UK.

If there is another city in the United Kingdom with a school of painters named after it, a matchless modern art gallery, a university with a reputation for literacy excellence which can boast Booker Prize-winning alumni, one of the grandest Romanesque cathedrals in the world, an extraordinary new state-of-the-art public library then I have yet to hear of it. Norwich is a fine city. None finer.

Stephen Fry

The University has four Faculties:
• Arts & Humanities
• Medicine & Health Sciences
• Science
• Social Sciences

These incorporate 23 Schools of Study and the UEA’s reputation for top-quality research and teaching
The University campus strikes a balance between a countryside and city setting; more than 320 acres of green parkland surround the campus with award-winning architecture by Sir Denys Lasdun, Lord (Norman) Foster and Rick Mather. Extensive on-campus facilities are all just a few minutes’ walk away from teaching and research facilities. Sporting facilities on campus include the University Sportspark which houses an Olympic-sized swimming pool and regularly hosts international sporting events. UEA also has the world famous Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts and hosts an International Literary Festival which has included famous names such as Ian McEwan and Kazuo Ishiguro (both alumni of UEA’s Creative Writing course).

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework exercise (2014), UEA’s research was ranked 10th in the UK for its output and 21st overall amongst all mainstream British institutions. REF confirmed that more than 82% of our research is World leading or internationally excellent.

**Former UEA Students include**

- Booker Prize winning authors Ian McEwan and Kazuo Ishiguro;
- Comedy writers and performers Charlie Higson, Arthur Smith and Paul Whitehouse
- Explorer Benedict Allen
- Meteorologist Penny Tranter
- Radio 1 DJ Greg James
- Actors Jack Davenport, James Frain, Matt Smith and Tim Bentinck.

As an international trainee I completed the first two years of training in the UK before returning to my home country where I am completing my two final placements. The transition worked very well and the opportunity to draw on experiences from different countries has provided me with an insight into the profession that has shaped the way I think, reflect and work as a psychologist.

Further information available at: [www.uea.ac.uk](http://www.uea.ac.uk)
The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMH) is led by the Executive Dean, Professor Dylan Edwards, working closely with the Heads of School, and the Associate Deans who share responsibility for the areas of Research; Enterprise and Engagement; Learning and Teaching; Admissions and PGR.

The Faculty has two Schools of study: Norwich Medical School (MED) and Health Sciences (HSC).

The Faculty also has strong research links with the Norwich Research Park, comprising the Institute of Food Research (IFR), the John Innes Centre (JIC), the Genome Analysis Centre (GAC), the Sainsbury Laboratory and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, see www.worldclassnorfolk.com/work/future-science.

Research

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences provides a vibrant environment for high quality research reinforced by the Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) which has determined that, on average, more than 85 per cent of our research is rated as ‘world-leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’.

The Faculty also remains one of the very best in the country for innovative teaching and research excellence in health. Students and staff share a common vision and sense of purpose: to work and study efficiently in the ceaseless challenge to improve healthcare. Our supportive culture, superb facilities, and close relationship with the NHS and other research partners make this Faculty a great place to fulfil this vision.

Research in the Faculty covers all aspects of the UK Clinical Research Collaboration pipeline and leads to economic and societal benefits.

The science and impact of our research is enhanced by our collaborations across the Norwich Research Park (NRP), which also provides access to an associated range of shared, state-of-the-art research facilities. NRP is one of Europe’s leading centres for food and health research and home to the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. It is a thriving community of over 40 businesses, 3000 scientists, researchers and clinicians; many of them talented graduates from the University of East Anglia.

Our research is underpinned by expertise in a comprehensive range of relevant methodologies including medical statistics, health economics and qualitative research methods. Together with the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Trust, we host the UK CRC fully-registered Norwich Clinical Trials Unit. The Faculty is also home to the Norfolk and Suffolk hub of the East of England Research Design Service.

Researchers in the Faculty hold research grants from national and international bodies including the UK Research Councils, the National Institute for Health Research, the European Union, the Wellcome Trust, and other major funders of health research.

We are partners in the Eastern Academic Health Sciences Network and the NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care East of England.

Our research has generated changes in policy and practice, underpinned clinical guidelines and has been exploited commercially to bring economic and health benefits.

Research Areas

- Acquired Brain Injury
- Cancer Studies
- Clinical Science and Trials
- Community and Family Health
- UEA Dementia Research Collaboration
- Disability
- Epidemiology
- Gastroenterology and Gut Biology
- Health Economics
- Health Services Research
- Improving Access to Healthcare
- Medical Microbiology
- Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Nutrition
- Older people and Long Term Conditions
- Psychological Sciences
The Norwich Medical School

The School

Head of School: Professor Michael Frenneaux

The Medical School at UEA was established in 2001 and has over 160 members of academic, research and support staff - and a large number of active NHS secondees and honorary appointees - from a wide range of disciplines (including medical specialties, biological sciences and a range of social and statistical disciplines, including health economics, psychology, epidemiology, and medical statistics). The School has grown with a current entry each year of 168 students who are provided with clinical experience from the very start of their UG course. The School’s first students graduated in 2007 and since then we have been in the top 10 of all medical schools on the National Student Survey on three occasions. In 2014 we have been shown to produce some of the best prepared Foundation doctors, demonstrated through national data provided by the GMC following their annual survey of all doctors in training. In REF 2014 the School’s return to Unit of Assessment 1 was joint 9th nationally for research quality.

There are a growing number of clinical academics in the areas of stroke and ageing; respiratory medicine; gastroenterology; clinical pharmacology; cardiology; surgery; primary care; public health and epidemiology; rheumatology; diabetes and orthopaedics. The Medical School has recently received an allocation of Walport academic training posts amounting to four new Academic Clinical Fellowships and two new clinical lectureships for each of the next three years. There is particular strength within the Medical School in epidemiology, statistics and health economics and exciting possibilities for appointees to develop clinical trials within the Clinical Trials Unit as well as experimental medicine within the seven bed Clinical Research Facility (CRF). The School is committed to appropriate multi-disciplinary working and the post holder will find excellent on-going collaborations across a wide range of disciplines.

The School promotes interdisciplinary teaching and learning and offers a wide range of programmes including:

• an innovative and highly integrated five-year MB/BS programme commenced in 2002 with an initial intake of 110 students per year, now 168 students per year
• a one year research intensive Masters degree in Health Research (MRes) supplying research experience and transferrable skills
• the modular MSc programme in Health Sciences for the continuing professional development of a wide range of healthcare professionals (currently attracting over 100 registered students including GPs and junior hospital doctors)
• a Masters in Clinical Education (MClinEd) degree
• a doctoral programme (ClinPsyD) in clinical psychology (with over 60 postgraduate students on the programme)
• the degrees of PhD, MPhil and MD, awarded by thesis or by portfolio of published work.

Further information on Norwich Medical School and the other School within the Faculty is available at:

www.uea.ac.uk/fmh
Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology, ClinPsyD

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A partnership between the UEA and the NHS leading to a Postgraduate Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (ClinPsyD), accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). We support you to become the next generation of leaders for our profession; conversant, knowledgeable and confident in applying evidence-based practice.

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Length of Course
3 years full time

Entry Requirements

• Applicants must have the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) as defined by the BPS.
• Equivalent of at least a 2:1 honours degree in psychology.
• Relevant clinical/research experience at the time of application.
• Those whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence of an English language proficiency of IELTS level 7 (with no score below 7 in each test element: listening, reading, writing and speaking), or equivalent.
• Must qualify for international student fee status.

For further additional information about full entry requirements and how to apply we recommend you consult the website at www.uea.ac.uk/medicine/research-degrees/international-applicants.

Additional Requirements

Prior to admission to the ClinPsyD Programme applicants are subject to a satisfactory police (DBS) and occupational health check. These are repeated annually for all trainees on the Programme.

Fees and Funding

£28,000 for the 2018/19 academic year. Please note the tuition fees are subject to an annual increase. A reduced rate of tuition fees will be charged in the third year if is possible to complete your final placements in your home country. This option is available where UEA is able to quality assure and monitor placements.

Who is the Course for?

The Programme places equal value upon clinical and research excellence; therefore we are looking for applicants able to demonstrate the potential to become skilled practitioners of psychology in applied healthcare settings. As the profession strongly identifies with the Scientist Practitioner role we are also seeking to recruit applicants able to become sophisticated producers of clinically relevant, high impact research.

Programme Aims

Students join our Programme at an exciting time of regeneration and progression. The Programme aims to produce graduates able to draw on a broad range of psychological models, theories, and research to inform their clinical work and be confident in using a variety of research methods appropriate to clinical research questions. We train clinical psychologists to be fit for purpose in the new changing landscape of the NHS.

We train our graduates to appreciate what clinical psychology can offer in the context of multi-disciplinary work, to understand the need for leadership either directly or through influencing others.
I have been impressed by the dedication of the teaching staff and encouragement of fellow trainees to ensure that I am able to develop personally and professionally as an individual and psychologist. I am planning to conduct my last placement in my own country where I will be working with local psychologists to apply my knowledge in clinical psychology in a different cultural context.

Current international trainee

Teaching, Assessment and Research

The ClinPsyD curriculum is organised around the Health & Care Professions Council Standards of Proficiency and the British Psychological Society accreditation criteria and is synchronized with clinical practice placements. There are four units:

• Evidence and values based practice
• Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
• Neuropsychology
• Research

The teaching programme is a mix of lectures and practice-based workshops that draw heavily on trainees’ clinical experience in making extensive use of teaching in small groups. Teaching is provided by Programme staff and local experts, primarily clinical psychologists.

Assessment takes the format of written assignments, presentations and clinical practice reports. In each year there are two sets of ratings of clinical work in placements and oral presentations of clinical work (one of the six of which is replaced by a recorded process report). All work is assessed on a pass / fail basis with marks accorded to each piece of examinable work. Trainees are provided with learning objectives for each assignment. During the third year of the Programme each trainee completes an oral examination on their research thesis (viva).

We have recently introduced a formative assessment to promote reflective practice and clinical skills development. Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE’s) prior to placements in years one and two of the Programme identify learning objectives to be addressed on clinical placements.

We follow a ‘portfolio’ model for our research thesis. The portfolio thesis of up to 40,000 words is a publication friendly format comprising a systematic review, an empirical data project written up in the format of peer reviewed journal articles and chapters on methodology, results and overall discussion.

The portfolio model provides our trainees with a superior framework to structure applied research training and to develop relevant transferable skills in the application of evidence-based practice. We believe this will allow graduates to complete the research process (i.e. dissemination of research) to enhance career and employment prospects.

Work-life Balance

Trainees are encouraged to work hard on the programme and to cultivate a positive work-life balance:

We provide a range of support systems reflecting the different needs of trainees. We have a “buddy” system where each new trainee is supported by a trainee from the year above. Each trainee is allocated an “advisor” within the ClinPsyD Programme and regular meetings are scheduled across the duration of training. Additionally, there is a network of personal support tutors throughout the region to whom trainees are allocated and trainees are encouraged to attend a personal and professional development group during training.

Professional and career impact

Graduates exiting the ClinPsyD programme can demonstrate a broad range of competencies. Our graduates are successful in the employment market with around 80% of trainees choosing to remain in East Anglia after qualifying and successfully securing positions.

I have no regret in pursuing my professional dream in the UK. It is one of the world’s leading destinations for international students as UK universities unswervingly perform well in the world rankings. Besides the excellent teaching standards, the UEA Programme provides opportunities for international trainees to either complete their final year specialist clinical placements and/or research locally or in their home country. This is a unique attribute that really sets this University apart from the rest.

Current international trainee

Further information available at:

www.uea.ac.uk/medicine/research-degrees
Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology Useful Information

The Programme Director is Professor Ken Laidlaw and Professor Siân Coker is Deputy Programme Director. The Norwich Medical School is part of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences within the University (Dean Professor Dylan Edwards). There are currently 16 other members of academic staff on the course, most of whom have additional clinical positions in the National Health Service. There is also teaching and research input from other members of the University staff and from National Health Service Clinical Psychologists. There is also an administrative team of four staff members who aid the trainees in all aspects of their training as well as supporting a number of other Professional Doctorates.

Professor Ken Laidlaw  Programme Director
Professor Sian Coker  Deputy Programme Director / Head of International Developments
Dr Peter Beazley  Senior Clinical Tutor

Dr Gemma Bowers  Clinical Tutor
Dr Gillian Bowden  Clinical Tutor
Dr Catherine Ford  Clinical Tutor
Dr Paul Fisher  Clinical Lecturer / International Tutor
Dr Fergus Gracey  Senior Research Fellow
Dr Imogen Rushworth  Senior Clinical Lecturer / Admissions Tutor
Dr Joanne Hodgkins  Senior Clinical Lecturer / Senior Research Tutor
Dr Adrian Leddy  Clinical Tutor
Ms Kiki Mastroiyannopoulou  Clinical Lecturer
Dr Richard Meiser-Stedman  Reader in Clinical Psychology
Dr Dave Peck  Statistics Tutor
Dr Gemma Ridel  Placement Co-Ordinator
Dr Bonnie Teague  Research Tutor
Dr John Wilson  Clinical Senior Lecturer
Ms Judith Young  Senior Clinical Lecturer / Academic Tutor

Mrs Fiona Gibbons  Postgraduate Research Officer
Mrs Kate Patterson  Postgraduate Research Administrator
Mr John Russell  Postgraduate Clerical Assistant
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Mrs Amanda Wheeler  PA to Professor Laidlaw

Useful links

To apply:  www.leeds.ac.uk/chpccp/.
For more information on the programme:  www.uea.ac.uk/medicine/research-degrees/international-applicants  or contact the Head of International Developments at  S.Coker@uea.ac.uk  or the International Tutor at  p.fisher@uea.ac.uk.
For more information on being an international student at the UEA:  www.uea.ac.uk/study/international.