

PhD in Psychiatry/Public Mental Health-Admission announcement

We seek a talented and highly motivated candidate based in Pakistan for a fully funded full-time PhD position in Public Mental Health. This PhD will be nested within the TRANSLATE (Translating evidence for Early Intervention in Psychosis in Low and Lower-Middle Countries LMICs: Implementation and Evaluation) research programme. TRANSLATE is an applied health research programme funded as part of the NIHR Global Research Professorship award to Prof. Saeed Farooq, who will be the Principal Supervisor for this PhD.

The TRANSLATE aims to develop and establish Early Intervention for Psychosis services in Low—and Middle-Income Countries. This is an excellent opportunity to develop expertise in this area of research and to work closely with researchers and clinicians at KMU and Keele University UK. We expect the research to address pertinent research questions that will likely lead to patient benefits and capacity building in Low —and Middle-Income Countries.

The student will be “Jointly Supervised” by faculty members of Keele University UK and KMU and will cover 100% of Keele University's tuition fee and research costs. **The student will be based full-time at KMU and will be governed by academic rules and supervision requirements under the Keele Doctoral Academy rules and regulations.** The student will be paid a stipend in line with current KMU regulations governing similar PhD. Keele University will award the PhD degree. The administration and line management of student will align with the existing governing rules at KMU. A successful candidate will enter a legally binding agreement with the ORIC KMU by the current rules governing PhD at KMU.

The detailed eligibility criteria are given below. Candidates will make an online application and follow the initial screening/test process at KMU. Successful candidates at the first stage will be required to develop a research proposal at the second stage of the selection process, followed by an interview.

For any further information or an informal discussion about the project, please contact email KMU to add

Eligibility Criteria

- MBBS.
- FCPS or equivalent in Psychiatry, or have completed FCPS training in psychiatry
- Age up to 40 years.

- Preference will be given to Master's degree holders in the field of Global Health, Public Health, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health Research \ PMDC/HEC-recognized university/institution and the candidates who have experience in clinical research in mental health
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

Admission Procedures

- The candidates will apply for admission to the PhD program on the prescribed form, along with documents specified in the form. The form can be downloaded from the link oric.kmu.edu.pk or received from the ORIC-KMU office in Peshawar. All application forms with the relevant documents must be sent as a single PDF file to the email mentioned above. The last date for submission of the admission Form is **9th May 2025**
- The candidates will be shortlisted following an admission test. The shortlisted candidates will be expected to submit a two-page research proposal including background, rationale, research question & objectives, proposed methodology and expected outcomes. The last date for proposal submission is **5th June 2025**
- After a thorough review of the proposals, the selection committee (members from KMU and Keele University-UK) will shortlist the candidates for the interview, which will be jointly conducted by the KMU and Keele faculty.
- Successful candidate will be expected to submit proof of English language proficiency (IELTS) at the time of enrollment at Keele University following the successful interview. Failure to do so will result in automatic removal from the program.

Admission process:

Deadline for applications: 09 May 2025

Test for shortlisting the candidates: 15 May 2025

Notification of qualified candidates for proposal submission: 20 May 2025

Deadline for submission of proposals in the specified format/template: 5th June 2025

Notification of shortlisted candidates for the interview (KMU and Keele Panel): 25th June 2025

Interview of the shortlisted candidates: First week of July 2025 (TBC).

Notification of the qualified candidate and admission offer: Mid or end of July 2025 (TBC)