**Scottish Cancer Foundation**

**Doctoral Training Fellowship in Cancer Prevention**

The Scottish Cancer Foundation (SCF) focuses on Cancer Prevention, and wishes to promote research, collaborative working across Scotland and public engagement in this area. Accordingly, the Foundation wishes to invest in the future of Cancer Prevention by providing motivated early-career individuals with research training opportunities in this area and has been fundraising to this end. As a result of generous donations, SCF is now in a position to award their first PhD studentships to suitable supervisors and host institutions. The application should *not* include a named student. The students should be appointed by due process after the award of the grant, and the Foundation and the Benefactor reserve the right to have oversight of the appointment process.

The available funding is intended to cover a stipend and reasonable costs, and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Completed application forms should emailed to:

[enquiries@scottishcancerfoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@scottishcancerfoundation.org.uk)

The deadline is: 31st October 2019

Each application will be assessed by a panel of 3-5 external expert referees, and, informed by written reports from these referees, all applications will be assessed at a meeting of a committee made up of SCF Directors and at least one independent subject expert.

Conflicts of interest for panel members will be:

Applicant

Current or recent (within 5 years) collaborator of applicant

Relative or close friend of applicant

Relative or close friend of any named student

Eligibility criteria

1. Applicant

*Essential*

Works primarily in Scotland at the host institution

Will act as primary supervisor

Expertise in cancer prevention research

Appropriate and excellent publication record in this field

Track record in obtaining funding in this field

Relevant experience of postgraduate research training and successful higher degree supervision

*Desirable*

Evidence that previous PhD students have developed successful careers in areas related to their doctoral research

1. Host Institution

*Essential*

* Located in Scotland
* Track record of research in cancer prevention
* Track record of successful supervision of PhD students
* Suitable arrangements for independent student monitoring (e.g. a thesis monitoring committee structure)
* Appropriate training opportunities and facilities for doctoral students
* Provision of second supervisor

1. Research Project

*Essential*

* Conducted in Scotland, although international collaborations acceptable
* Must be clearly focused on cancer prevention\*
* The research questions must be clearly defined and address issues that are immediately relevant to cancer prevention
* The methodology must clearly demonstrate how it will answer the research questions
* The feasibility of the research must be clearly articulated
* A communication and exit strategy to explain how the results will be communicated to both the academic and lay communities and how the results of the research will be taken forward

\*Acceptable areas are:

* laboratory based research with a clear translational route to cancer prevention in humans
* primary prevention interventions (i.e. in healthy individuals)
* secondary prevention interventions (i.e. in cancer survivors)
* prevention in high risk groups
* linking health screening with cancer prevention

*Desirable*

* Multi-disciplinary
* Lifestyle component

1. Doctoral Student

*Essential*

* + - A first or upper second class undergraduate degree in a subject appropriate to the proposed research.
    - Evidence of motivation to work in cancer prevention.

*Desirable*

* A track record in research
* MSc in cancer prevention or a closely related topic
* Evidence of work in public engagement