

THE CONSTANCE OWENS TRUST

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR ONE AWARD AVAILABLE OF £15,000 for funding either PhD STUDY or POST-DOCTORAL STUDY

If you are looking for funding to support your upcoming PhD study or a post-doctoral study, consider applying to us for this substantial award of £15,000. It is payable over three years or more by agreement in the case of part-time study to occupational therapists working in any sector. Professional links to Liverpool and/or to Constance Owens' commitment to Occupational Therapy internationally will be looked upon favourably.

Applications for these awards are welcome from individual registered occupational therapists who are interested in registering or who are registered for full or part-time studies in the following:

- PhD studies
- Professional Doctorates in Occupational Therapy
- Professional Doctorate in Education (related to Occupational Therapy)

or who plan to undertake post-doctoral study.

The Trustees will meet to consider applications in November 2025 and potentially successful applicants will be notified after that and invited to discuss their timescales, project and funding stages. In the case of post-doctoral study the initial award payment will only be released following evidence of ethical approval. The awards will be divided into annual payments of a maximum of £5,000pa subject to receipt of an annual report (including supervisor input) on progress and will be paid over three years or more by agreement in the case of part-time study.

Please note that the selection process is confidential, and the decision of the Trustees is final. There will be no further correspondence, discussion or individual feedback about the application.

All applications are dealt with by email and should be made on the application form which can be obtained from Rathbones Trust Company Limited in Liverpool by emailing Lois.King@rathbones.com.

Please indicate which study funding you wish to apply for as the application forms are different.

Closing date for all application forms and accompanying documentation is 31st August 2025 for consideration at the November meeting of the Trustees.

Constance Owens was a pioneer of Occupational Therapy who opened the Liverpool School of Occupational Therapy in 1947 and was the first Occupational Therapist awarded a PhD in the UK when she graduated from the University of Liverpool in 1963. The Constance Owens Trust was founded in Liverpool in 1986 after the course moved into a Higher Education college and is a registered charity under the Charities Act of 1993. Since 1986 the income from investments held by the Trust has been used to support a number of activities to further the occupational therapy profession.