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Foundation for Professionals in Services to Adolescents (FPSA)

I would to offer my most sincere thank you to the FPSA for their generosity in offering me funding towards my Doctorate in Systemic Psychotherapy. The course offers an opportunity to make a unique contribution to the development of professional knowledge in this area.

The course is a two year taught programme. Invited researchers present their research work highlighting relevant research issues twice per year to the whole Doctorate course. Speakers present the 'nuts and bolts' of their own research work and following this, first and second year groups meet separately to consider the applications to their own research projects.

The research groups will support your on-going research work. You will present your research process and research dilemmas for consultation and discussion with peers and staff. This will also enable you to contribute to and learn from your peers' research work. There will also be opportunities to meet for peer discussions.

The third and subsequent years are made up of research, research presentations, writing up and supervision. An entry requirement for this course is that you are a qualified Family and Systemic Psychotherapist.

I have recently completed the first year of the course and have enjoyed the learning about research methodology. I am interested in ideas about race, culture and family life post migration and I am currently exploring ideas to research that considers the first and second generation, adolescent experience of this. Without the funding from FPSA I would not been able to do this and for this I am hugely appreciative.

Warmest Regards

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