

MACP Award Report

Awardee Name:	Hazel Rudder
Date of Report:	18/03/2026
Name of the Award:	Level 1 research award
Amount awarded:	£750
What the award was used for:	Travel and accommodation in Keele University to attend the Keele University Research Conference on 20/03/2024 and the Keele University research symposium on 17-18/06/2024. Travel and accommodation costs to visit Keele University in person to undertake data analysis for a research project alongside my academic supervisors.
Summary of how this award or bursary helped you in your career/clinical/academic practice (500 words approx.)	<p>I am currently undertaking a part-time professional doctorate in Physiotherapy at Keele University, and as a distance-learning student I have limited opportunities to connect in person with my supervisors and peers. After years of clinical practice, returning to an academic mindset alongside a full-time role and busy family life has been challenging. This research award enabled me to attend Keele University research events face to face, which was both inspiring and motivating and helped me feel part of an active academic community. It also allowed dedicated time on campus with my supervisors to plan my research and thesis proposal and to complete data analysis for my pilot study. Working together in person strengthened our working relationship in a way that would not have been possible solely online and has supported my development as an emerging researcher. I am very grateful to the MACP for this support, particularly given the significant personal and financial commitments involved in doctoral study, including tuition fees and the additional costs of travel and accommodation.</p> <p>Having completed my first study as part of this doctoral journey, I am now embarking on my thesis, and the opportunities I have had so far through the MACP research award have placed me in an invaluable position moving forward. Thank you.</p>
Picture of awardee/conference /course/ Experience as relevant	



