**Wellcome Trust DTC Public Health and Decision Sciences Widening Participation Application Form 2024 Entry**

**Thank you for your application to study your PhD at the School for Health and Related Research, University of Sheffield. The Wellcome Trust Public Health and Decision Science programme is committed to supporting widening participation for applicants from disadvantaged or underrepresented groups. We will ensure that at least one out of seven scholarships is awarded to a candidate who meets our widening participation criteria. If you meet these criteria, please complete this form, with requested accompanying documentation, to ensure that your circumstances are considered during the selection process.**

**Please complete all parts of this form and upload it with your application by the 11th December 2023 to ensure that your widening participation status is considered during shortlisting. If you are unable to provide the evidence requested by the deadline, please provide an explanation in Part C.**

**Part A – Personal details**

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| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Postcode during your final year of A-Level (or equivalent) studies |  |

**Part B – Widening Participation Criteria (only one option needs to be met for eligibility)**

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| **Widening Participation Criteria** | **Meet the criteria YES/NO** | **Evidence required** | **Evidence Provided****YES/NO** |
| Were you looked after under local authority care? |  | If yes, you are required to provide evidence to support this e.g. a court order, notification from Social Services or a professional who is aware of your circumstances. |  |
| Have you ever been in receipt of Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) or are disabled? |  | If yes, you are required to provide evidence to support this e.g. a copy of your DSA notification, benefits letter or relevant medical evidence. |  |
| Do you have carer responsibilities for an ill or disabled family member? |  | If yes, you are required to provide evidence to support this e.g. Carers allowance letter, notification from Social Services/Carers support group or notification from your previous institution who were aware of your circumstances. |  |
| Is the POLAR rank of your home postcode while studying A Levels (or equivalent) in quintiles 1 or 2? |  | This is defined by the government's classification called Polar 3. To meet this criteria, your address must fall into quintile 1 or 2 in the young participation quintile or the Adult HE qualification quintile. Check your address area using the postcode look up tool. https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/young-participation-by-postcode/ |  |
| Were/are you in receipt of a maintenance grant from Student Finance as an undergraduate student? |  | If yes, you are required to provide evidence to support this. For example, a copy of your Student Finance letter (or equivalent awarding body). If you started your undergraduate course after August 2016, you will need to provide evidence from the Student Loans Company to confirm your household income was assessed as £40,000 or less. |  |
| Are you from a Black or Minority Ethnic Group background? |  | None Required |  |

**Part C – Summary of evidence provided**

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| Please list the evidence you have provided. If you are unable to access the evidence requested please provide a brief explanation why and whether you will be able to provide evidence before 20th January 2024. |
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