BIOMEDICAL ETHICS SUMMER SCHOOL

"Public Health: justice, autonomy and the common good"

10TH – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Call for Applications

A residential summer school will be held on 10th – 12th September at Stamford Hall, University of Leicester

The course is sponsored by the Wellcome Trust as part of its programme to support research into the ethics of biomedical science.

The aims of the Summer School are to:

- Explore some of the ethical, social, legal and policy issues that arise in public health in both the domestic and international context, and to examine how upcoming events (such as the emergence of new infectious diseases or the establishment of the NHS's electronic health records) may raise new questions and challenges;
- Expand awareness of a variety of research methods that can be employed in biomedical ethics research;
- Stimulate and provide practical advice on grant applications to the Biomedical Ethics funding programme;
- Highlight excellence in and explore the application of biomedical ethics research.

Who is the course designed for?

Applications are invited from junior researchers (ie PhDs, new postdocs) in disciplines relevant to biomedical ethics, including (though not restricted to) the following: philosophy, social sciences, law, political sciences and theology. We will consider applications from those based in the UK and those in developing countries.

Applications are also invited from established researchers in the biomedical sciences who wish to move into the field of biomedical ethics.

What will the course cover?

The School will involve a mixture of plenary and research methods sessions. The plenaries will address the state of public health science; researching the ethical, legal, social and policy implications of developments in public health; the ethics of research and treatment; and, getting research into policy and practice. In addition, there will be sessions on the changes to the Biomedical Ethics grants programme, a grants workshop (looking at what makes a good grant application and how to get funded), a presentation from a current Biomedical Ethics grantholder, and a practical exercise that looks at the grant funding process from the Funding Committee's point of view.

Other information

Up to 30 successful applicants will have their travel costs, subsistence and accommodation covered.

Applications should be made using the attached application form. An electronic copy of the form should be sent to:

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The closing date is 1st June. Late applications will not be considered.