ESRC PhD and 1+3 Studentships in Human Geography, Health Studies and Demography at the University of St Andrews

PhD Supervisor: various

Funding Status: Competitive PhD research studentships (UK/EU students only)

Title: PhD Studentships in Human Geography, Health Studies and Demography

The School of Geography and Sustainable Development (SGSD) at the University of St Andrews invites applications for ESRC PhD studentships as part of its membership of the Scottish Graduate School of Social Sciences (SGSSS). The studentships take the form of +3 awards (PhD funding for students who have already completed appropriate masters level social science research training) and 1+3 awards (funding for students to study a Masters programme followed by a PhD). The SGSD hosts two pathways of the SGSSS:

- Human Geography, Environment and Urban Planning
- Health, Families, Relationships and Demographic Change

We invite applications in both of these pathways. The applications can be in any area of departmental research:

- Internal and international migration
- Fertility and family
- Health and mortality
- Longitudinal and spatial analysis; population projection and small-area estimation
- Cities, neighbourhoods and housing
- Governance and power
- Sustainable development
- Environmental change
- Environmental and natural resource economics
- Families and relationships

For further details see our School website and PhD research pages
The award: These prestigious scholarships cover tuition fees and a yearly stipend currently approximately £14,000. Excellent applicants will be selected to go forward to the ESRC competition. For more details see the SGSSS website and in particular the SGSSS application process.

Eligibility: The ESRC awards are open to Home and EU students. EU students who do not fulfil the ESRC’s residence eligibility criteria will be entitled to a Fees Only award (please note that it is your responsibility to check the ESRC’s residential guidelines which can be accessed on the SGSSS website).

Candidate profile: Successful students should also have the support of an expert supervisory team within the School of Geography and Sustainable Development and typically:

- A Master’s in a relevant discipline (for + 3 PhD candidates).
- A First class or II(i) honours degree or equivalent at undergraduate level in a relevant discipline for PhD candidates still completing their Master’s and 1+3 applicants.
- An overall score of at least 7.0 in IELTS test or equivalent (if appropriate).

How to Apply: In order to apply for a SGSSS ESRC studentship with St Andrews, please do the following by 15th January 2018 (11:59pm):

- Complete a draft of the ESRC Studentship Application Form which should be emailed to Helen Olaz (ho10@st-andrews.ac.uk).
- Complete our online PhD Application and ensure that you do the following:
  - Apply to the “School of Geography and Sustainable Development”.
  - Note on the application that you are applying for an ESRC PhD and 1+3 Studentships in Human Geography, Health Studies and Demography.
  - Name your potential supervisors.
  - Please upload a sample of academic writing (minimum of 500 words).

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are scheduled for the week commencing 15th January 2018 and Skype interviews are possible.

Candidates should discuss their research proposal with a member of our academic staff with expertise in their research topic before applying for the PhD programme. Details of academic staff and their research interests can be found on the School website. Additionally potential projects are listed on our PhD research projects page.

Further information please contact:

- Human Geography, Environment and Urban Planning – Dr David McCollum (David.Mccollum@st-andrews.ac.uk)
- Health, Families, Relationships and Demographic Change – Prof Hill Kulu (Hill.Kulu@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Please use ‘SGSSS studentship’ on the subject line of your email.