

Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (Department of Health Policy)

Three PhD Studentships

The [Care Policy and Evaluation Centre](#) (CPEC) at the [London School of Economics and Political Science](#) (LSE) is an international research centre working mainly in the areas of long-term care (social care), mental health, developmental disabilities and other health issues. The Centre is affiliated to the Department of Health Policy at LSE. It has been involved in a number of key policy and practice developments.

CPEC is currently recruiting for three full-time MPhil/PhD studentships, with a start date of October 2020:

1. NIHR SSCR PhD Studentship for research on adult social care in England
2. ARC North Thames PhD Studentship for the evaluation of integration in health and social care
3. ILPN PhD Studentship for research on global long-term care

The successful applicants will join the [Department of Health Policy](#)'s MPhil/PhD programme and work closely with their supervisors and colleagues in CPEC at LSE.

The Department of Health Policy trains and inspires people passionate about health by advancing and challenging their understanding of health and social care systems and the social, economic and political contexts in which they operate. The Department's PhD programme is an integral part of the academic environment at LSE, producing doctoral graduates of the highest quality. The programme draws upon multidisciplinary perspectives, notably from economics, social policy, and public policy.

The research students will benefit from the excellent research environment within CPEC at LSE and will join a thriving cohort of research students in the Department.

Entry requirements

Applicants are not required to have existing expertise on each topic, but they must meet the requirements for PhD applicants set by the LSE (see <http://www.lse.ac.uk/health-policy/study/mphilphd-programme>). Applicants will normally need master's degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, with an overall average of at least 65% in their MSc (or equivalent) and at least 65% in their dissertation (or equivalent); any conditional offer for a place on the MPhil/PhD programme will be subject to obtaining such marks.

Application process

In order to be considered for each studentship, applicants should apply for the MPhil/PhD programme in Health Policy at the LSE, marking their application with the relevant studentship name. Information about how to apply is available here: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/health-policy/study/mphilphd-programme>.

As part of the application process applicants will be asked to submit a research proposal. This is a 1,500 word document explaining - in light of the topic focus outlined for each studentship - the research proposed to undertake during the studentship.

Along with an application form supporting documents are required and further information on these (as well as guidance on completing the application form) is available at

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/study/graduate/enquirer/howToApply/completingYourApplication/home.aspx>.

The deadline for applications for the three PhD Studentships is 27 April 2020.

NIHR SSCR PhD Studentship for research on adult social care in England

This full-time studentship is funded by the [NIHR School for Social Care Research](#) (NIHR SSCR). NIHR SSCR is funded by the National Institute for Health Research to develop the evidence base to inform and improve adult social care practice in England through research. NIHR SSCR started in 2009 and has commissioned 150 research projects, as well as a number of scoping and methods reviews. NIHR SSCR's third 5-year phase started in May 2019.

Studentship

The doctoral student will be required to conduct research relevant to adult social care practice in England and in line with the NIHR SSCR's [Business Plan](#).

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in activities organised by NIHR SSCR, particularly activities that involve other PhD students funded under this programme at other universities, and, as appropriate, other National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) and NIHR Academy activities.

Funding

The 3-year award will cover full-time UK/EU LSE tuition fees¹ and an annual stipend of £17,000 from 1 October 2020.

Additional support (for travel, conference attendance, general research expenses) will be available through the NIHR SSCR programme as appropriate.

Informal enquiries

Informal enquiries should be sent to Professor Martin Knapp (m.knapp@lse.ac.uk).

¹ Please note overseas students will need to cover the difference between overseas fees and the funded amount for home/EU fees themselves.

ARC North Thames PhD Studentship for the evaluation of integration in health and social care

This full-time studentship is funded through the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) North Thames, in which CPEC is a partner. The ARC is led by Professor Rosalind Raine at UCL, and represents a partnership of over 50 organisations from across North Central and North East London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, bringing together leading universities, the NHS, councils, people with lived experience, communities, charities and industry who share a commitment to improving health and social care services, and people's health. The ARC aims to identify the key health and care problems facing organisations within the partnership, design innovative research in response and rapidly put findings into practice across the North Thames region and beyond.

Studentship

The doctoral student will be required to conduct research linking local authority and NHS data to measure associations between wider health determinants (such as social isolation, housing, deprivation) and use of NHS and social care, to predict demand for care, and facilitate tailoring of integrated services.

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in activities organised by the ARC North Thames, particularly activities that involve other PhD students funded under this programme at other universities, and, as appropriate, other National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) and NIHR Academy activities. The doctoral student will join a community of students benefiting from training and support provided for PhD students from across NIHR ARC North Thames, as well as the community of PhD students in the Health Policy Department at LSE.

Funding

The 3-year award will cover full-time UK/EU LSE tuition fees² and an annual stipend of £17,803 from 1 October 2020.

Additional support (for travel, conference attendance, general research expenses) up to £3,600 will be available through the ARC North Thames programme as appropriate.

Informal enquiries

Informal enquiries should be sent to Dr Jose-Luis Fernandez (j.fernandez@lse.ac.uk).

² Please note overseas students will need to cover the difference between overseas fees and the funded amount for home/EU fees themselves.

ILPN PhD Studentship for research on global/international long-term care

This full-time studentship is funded by the [International Long-term Care Policy Network](#) (ILPN). Hosted by CPEC at LSE, ILPN is a network of researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders with the aim to promote the global exchange of evidence and knowledge on long-term care (LTC) policy. Along with hosting a biennial international conference, ILPN manages the Journal of Long-term Care.

Studentship

The doctoral student will be required to conduct research relevant to global/international long-term care. Topics focusing on care (rather than health) are preferred.

As part of the studentship, the successful applicant will be required to contribute to the running of the ILPN (for a minimum of seven hours per week). The terms of this role will be set out in an hourly-paid contract with LSE in addition to the studentship stipend.

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in activities organised by ILPN and by CPEC.

Funding

The 3-year award will cover full-time UK/EU LSE tuition fees³ and an annual stipend of £17,000 from 1 October 2020.

Additional support (for travel, conference attendance, general research expenses) will be available through the ILPN as appropriate.

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