

## Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (Department of Health Policy)

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

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, neurodevelopmental disabilities, neurodegeneration 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 a full-time MPhil/PhD studentship, with a start date of October 2022.

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 and Care Research (NIHR) 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 210 research projects, as well as a number of scoping and methods reviews.

#### 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 NIHR and NIHR Academy activities.

The student will be based in CPEC and will join the [Department of Health Policy's MPhil/PhD programme](#).

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

#### Funding

The 3-year award will cover full-time [Home LSE tuition fees](#)<sup>1</sup>, an annual stipend of £17,000, and up to £10,000 for research costs. The studentship must start from 1 October 2022.

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

## Entry requirements

Applicants are not required to have existing expertise in the adult social care field, 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: <https://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 that the applicant proposes 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 <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/Prospective-students/How-to-Apply>.

**The deadline for applications for the PhD Studentship is 28 July 2022.**

## Informal enquiries

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