

Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (Department of Health Policy)

Two 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.

The Centre hosts the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Adult Social Care (ASCRU) and is a partner in the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Economics of Social and Health Care (ESHCRU). New 5-year programmes of work will start in both Units from January 2024.

CPEC is currently recruiting for two full-time MPhil/PhD studentships, with a start date of October 2024:

1. NIHR ASCRU Studentship for research on adult social care in England
2. NIHR ESHCRU Studentship for the evaluation of integration in health and social 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, health policy, 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 that the applicant proposes to undertake during the studentship. The topic must relate to either adult social care in England (ASCRU studentship) or evaluation of integration in health and social care in England (ESHCRU 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 two PhD Studentships is 28 February 2024.

NIHR Policy Research Unit in Adult Social Care (ASCRU 2)

Three-year PhD Studentship for simulation of social care demand and expenditure

This full-time studentship is funded through the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Adult Social Care (ASCRU 2), which CPEC leads. ASCRU 2 is a collaboration between the LSE, University of Kent and King's College London, carrying out research in England to provide national and local policymakers with the evidence and information they need to make decisions about adult social care.

ASCRU received funding for five years from January 2019 until December 2023, with renewed funding confirmed for a programme of work from January 2024 for five years. Its programme of work is decided with England's Department of Health and Social Care.

Studentship

The doctoral student will be required to examine topics related to the macro/micro simulation of future patterns of social care demand and expenditure in England.

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in activities organised by NIHR ASCRU and CPEC, and, as appropriate, other National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) and NIHR Academy activities. The doctoral student will join a community of students benefiting from training and support within CPEC and in the Health Policy Department at LSE.

Funding

The 3-year award will cover full-time UK/EU LSE tuition fees¹ and an annual stipend of £22,000 from 1 October 2024.

Additional support (for travel, conference attendance, general research expenses) up to £3,000 will be available through the NIHR ASCRU programme as appropriate.

Informal enquiries

Informal enquiries should be sent to Raphael Wittenberg (r.wittenberg@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.

NIHR Policy Research Unit in Economics of Social and Health Care (ESHCRU III)

Three-year PhD Studentship on the economics of the interface between the health and social care systems

This full-time studentship is funded through the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Economics of Social and Health Care (ESHCRU III), in which CPEC LSE is a founding partner. ESHCRU carries out economic analyses to tackle long-standing issues facing the health and social care system, including how best to organise the interface between the NHS and local authority social care services.

ESHCRU was established in 2014 and has been awarded a further five-year period of funding from January 2024. Its programme of work is decided with England's Department of Health and Social Care.

Studentship

The doctoral student will be required to examine, using economic analysis, issues linked to the interface between the health and social care systems in England.

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in activities organised by NIHR ESHCRU and CPEC, and, as appropriate, other National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR) and NIHR Academy activities. The doctoral student will join a community of students benefiting from training and support within CPEC and 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 £22,000 from 1 October 2024.

Additional support (for travel, conference attendance, general research expenses) up to £3,000 will be available through the NIHR ASCRU programme as appropriate.

Informal enquiries

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

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