

PhD studentship: Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Bristol

The Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Bristol is hosting a PhD studentship from the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (NSPCR). This highly successful multidisciplinary centre would welcome applications from individuals from a range of research backgrounds, e.g. health services research, economics, medical statistics, medical sociology, health psychology, human geography. We would particularly welcome applications in one of the research areas listed below:

Lead supervisor	Research areas
Prof Gene Feder	Domestic violence, management of coronary artery disease in primary care
Dr Alastair Hay	Diagnosis and treatment infections in primary care
Dr Alison Heawood	Qualitative methods, patient-practitioner relationships and interaction, patient experiences of illness and healthcare
Dr Sandra Hollinghurst	Economics of primary health care, methodological issues around economic evaluation in a primary care setting
Dr Jeremy Horwood	Qualitative methods, users' experience of health services, clinical decision-making, illness perceptions, gender and identity
Dr David Kessler	Primary care mental health, CBT, use of technology to deliver mental health interventions
Prof John Macleod	Health inequality, substance use, sexual health, data linkage
Dr Alan Montgomery	Randomised controlled trials
Dr Sarah Purdy	Emergency and urgent care, unplanned hospital admissions, end of Life Care, primary care dermatology
Prof Chris Salisbury	Improving access to and delivery of primary care
Dr Katrina Turner	Childhood obesity, primary care mental health, qualitative research

Potential applicants should look at the website for the Centre for Academic Primary Care (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/primaryhealthcare/>) to find out more about the current projects and interests of the academic staff listed above, and then make informal contact via email with one of these staff in order to discuss ideas for research in these or other related areas. The individual should then apply online via the "Apply Now" system (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/prospectus/postgraduate/2013/apply.html>). In addition to the fields required, as part of the online form or as scanned attachments, the applicant should also provide a curriculum vitae; a covering letter indicating topic of interest, suitability for study and a research proposal of 2-4 sides of A4. Potential supervisor(s) should be named within the proposal. Applications should be made by 12 noon on **5pm on 1 February 2013**.

Applicants **also** need to apply directly to the NSPCR by the same deadline: (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/mds/projects/HaPS/PCCS/NSPCR/index.aspx/>).

The studentship will be awarded on a competitive basis to a UK applicant and will fund home tuition fee and a stipend, with a small budget for travel, training and research expenses. The NSPCR's stipend for the first year is £18,000. Funding will be for 3 years from October 2013.

The Centre for Academic Primary Care is based within the School of Social and Community Medicine (<http://www.epi.bris.ac.uk/scm/>), which is a leading centre for research and teaching in population health sciences. Within the Centre for Academic Primary Care, there is methodological expertise in trial design, observational studies, qualitative research methods and economic analysis.