

**Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-EH-06-17**

<b>Faculty:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	<b>Department: Psychology Social Work &amp; Counselling</b>
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<b>Lead Supervisor:</b>	<b>Professor Pam Maras</b>
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<b>Project Title: Enablers and Barriers to Success, Identity and Achievement in Higher Education</b>
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<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>This PhD offers an exciting opportunity to work with academic staff at the University of Greenwich on a three-year full time MPhil/PhD project. It will explore how undergraduate students different identities, (including gender) might be associated with their retention, progression and achievement in university.</p> <p>As an interdisciplinary project, this PhD will require an ability to consider knowledge from multiple perspectives as they relate to identity. It will also require familiarity with mixed method designs including understanding of qualitative methodologies and statistical analysis.</p> <p>The successful candidate will ideally be educated to at least Masters level and have experience of conducting empirical research.</p> <p>The successful candidate will be based at the University of Greenwich.</p>
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<b>Duration:</b>	<b>3 years, Full-Time Study</b>
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<p><b>Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):</b></p> <p>Year 1: £14,553                      Year 2: In line with RCUK rate                      Year 3: In line with RCUK rate</p> <p>In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home/EU rate, currently £4,195, for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee, currently £8,305, for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.</p>
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<b>Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:</b>	
<b>Criteria:</b>	<b>E or D</b>
<b>Education and Training:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class, First Division (Upper Second Class) Honours Degree or a taught Master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, unless the degree above was taught in English <b>and</b> obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA.</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation)</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<b>Personal Attributes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<b>Other Requirements:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A PhD project research proposal that is related to the research area</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scholarship must commence before 29 September 2017</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>

**Closing date for applications:** *midnight UTC on 11 July 2017*

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#### **Making an application:**

Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: [http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application\\_process](http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application_process) . Applications need to be made online via this link. **No other form of application will be considered.**

All applications **must include** the following information. **Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.**

- **Scholarship Reference Number (Ref)**– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- **a research proposal related to the subject topic \***
- **a CV including 2 referees \***
- **academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTS/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency \***

*\*upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.*

Before submitting your application you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above.