

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-EH-03-17

Faculty: Education and Health

Department: Education & Childhood Studies

Lead Supervisor: Dr Mary Clare Martin

Project Title: Migrants' histories and experiences of play: disruption, continuity, education

Project Description:

The aim of this PhD, located in the Education Research Group, is to analyse the memories of play of successive generations of migrant children to the United Kingdom, through oral history interviewing, and analysis of archived oral history data. The main focus will be the potential disruption in play patterns for children caused by movement between continents and cultures, as well as the potential enrichment from enhanced cross-cultural interaction. Focus on the implications of migration for children's peer cultures, on kinship, on the material culture of play, and on the impact of location, will comprise important aspects of the project. It is anticipated that the main source of data will consist of 20-30 in depth interviews with adults, including former and recent migrants from different ethnic groups who migrated to the UK from the 1940s onwards. The successful candidate will have training in and experience of oral history interviewing, a good honours and/or taught master's degree in a relevant discipline, such as childhood or education studies, history, sociology or cultural studies. You will have excellent communication skills, and, preferably, experience of working with migrant families.

Duration:

3 years, Full-Time Study

Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):

Year 1: £14,553

Year 2: In line with RCUK rate

Year 3: In line with RCUK rate

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.

Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:	
Criteria:	E or D
Education and Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class or 2nd 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 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 and obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA. 	E
Experience & Skills:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate degree and/or master's in childhood or education studies, history, sociology, cultural studies or a related field 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of and training in oral history interviewing 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent communication skills and the ability to build new networks 	E
Personal Attributes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully 	E
Other Requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PhD project research proposal that is related to the research area 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scholarship must commence before 29 September 2017 	E

Closing date for applications: *midnight UTC on 20 June 2017*

For further information contact: Dr Mary Clare Martin

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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 . 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.