Cardiff University
School of Psychology

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**Description of Research Opportunity:**

The School of Psychology, supported by the ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership for Wales (Wales DTP) invites applications for a chance of securing a fully-funded PhD studentship commencing in October 2017. The School expects to make doctoral studentship awards in the areas of:

- Psychology

with a particular focus on cognitive, developmental health, social and environmental psychology

**Award:**

The awards are available on either a 1+3 or +3 basis for full-time study, and also as its part-time equivalent. A 1+3 studentship provides funding for four years full-time, completing the MSc in Social Science Research Methods in the first year, followed by three years of research funding for a PhD. A +3 studentship provides funding for the three years of full-time PhD research study only. The School of Psychology values diversity and equality at all levels, and encourages applications from all sections of the community. All studentships are available on a full-time or part-time basis.

**About the School:**

Cardiff University School of Psychology is one of the largest and best departments in the UK. We offer outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate teaching informed by international cutting-edge research. The last Teaching Quality Assessment judged our teaching ‘Excellent’, and we consistently obtain the highest scores possible for our research (see RAE 2014). With acknowledged excellence in research and teaching, and being one of the largest psychology departments in Britain, we offer a range of postgraduate opportunities.

The broad range of expertise within the School allows us to provide training in an unusually wide range of methodological techniques. A distinctive feature of the School is that the
integration which exists across different disciplines provides unique opportunities for multidisciplinary research projects. Applicants interested in pursuing PhD schemes in any one of the School's primary research areas must have at least an upper-second class honours degree or equivalent (normally in Psychology).

The School is home to over 100 academics and researchers, including a number of externally-funded research fellows (Wellcome, BBSRC, Leverhulme, Royal Society). We have some joint appointments with Medicine and Biosciences facilitating cross-university interdisciplinary research. We have a lively student community, with approximately 120 full-time postgraduates undertaking our MSc in Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications, MSc in Social Science Research Methods, Research by PhD and Doctorate in Educational Psychology programmes and just under 600 students on our undergraduate Psychology and Psychology with Professional Placement courses. With access to world-class facilities, with a large number of purpose-built laboratories that have all been refurbished within the last five years, as well as CUBRIC (Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre). Integration across different disciplines and between Psychology and other Schools provides unique opportunities for multidisciplinary research projects.

The School collaborates with major universities and scholars from around the world, as well as enjoying excellent links with public and third sector organisations, policy makers and practitioners.

About the University:

Cardiff University is acknowledged as one of Britain’s leading teaching and research universities, held in high esteem both nationally and internationally. Its world-leading research was ranked 5th amongst UK universities in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework for quality and 2nd for impact.

Cardiff University has been named as the lead partner for one of 14 new accredited ESRC Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTP) across the UK, judged by the ESRC to deliver truly excellent postgraduate training provision. The DTP and University are committed to widening access for postgraduates to ESRC funding.

Supervisors:

These studentships are ‘open’ awards therefore the School welcomes proposals in a wide range of areas. However, applicants should consider approaching a potential supervisor before submitting their application to confirm that there is supervisory capacity within the School and to discuss their draft application. Information on the research interests of our staff can be found on the School of Psychology web pages.

If you need help in identifying potential supervision, please contact Clair Southard (contact details below).

The pathway convenor Prof Tony Manstead may also be able to steer you.

Eligibility:

Full awards (fees plus maintenance stipend) are open to UK Nationals, and EU students who can satisfy UK residency requirements. To be eligible for the full award, EU Nationals must have been in the UK for at least 3 years prior to the start of the course for which they are
seeking funding, including for the purposes of full-time education.

ESRC studentships are highly competitive, candidates should have an excellent academic background in the social sciences, holding a 1st or strong upper 2nd class degree; applications from those also holding a relevant research training master's degree (or an equivalent background in research training) will be considered for a +3 award.

**What the studentship will cover:**

Studentships commence in October 2017 and will cover your tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant (currently £14,296 p.a. for 2016/17 for full-time students, updated each year); and includes an additional Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) of up to £750 for three years for full-time students (pro rata for part-time students). There are other opportunities and benefits available to studentship holders, including an overseas fieldwork allowance (if applicable), internship opportunities and overseas institutional visits.

**1+3 or +3?**

The awards are available on either a 1+3 or +3 basis. A 1+3 studentship provides funding for four years (or part-time equivalent), completing a research training Masters in the 1st year, followed by 3 years research funding for a PhD. A +3 studentship provides funding for the three years PhD research study only (or part-time equivalent).

**Assessment:**

The closing deadline for applications is 12:00 noon on Wednesday 1 February 2017. Short-listed applicants will be invited to interview, which are expected to take place in March 2017. After interview, a final short-list of applicants will be put forward to the ESRC Wales DTP Doctoral Panel at which final decisions with regard to studentship awards will be made. Successful applicants can expect to hear by mid-April 2017.

**How to apply:**

You can apply online - consideration is automatic on applying for a PhD in Psychology, with an October 2017 start date (programme code RFPDPSYA).

Please use our online application service at [www.cf.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/index.html](http://www.cf.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/index.html)

and specify in the funding section that you wish to be considered for ESRC funding.

Please specify that you are applying for this particular project.

The deadline is absolute and applications received after this specified time and date will not be accepted.

The University will not automatically contact an applicant’s referees.
You will need to submit

1. **Covering letter/Personal Statement:** Please address to Professor Tom Freeman, Director of Postgraduate Studies. The covering letter must set out your reasons and motivation for applying to study at Cardiff University, and the School of Psychology; your understanding, and expectations of doctoral study; and your academic interests generally, and particularly of those relating to your proposed research. The covering letter should be no more than 2 pages. Please note that all studentships are available on a +3 or 1+3 basis full-time, or part-time pro-rata. Please specify +3 or 1+3 and which pathway you will be applying to; cognitive, developmental, health, social and environmental psychology.

2. **Academic/professional qualifications:** Where relevant, academic certificates and transcripts must be submitted with the online admissions application by the application deadline. This should also include proof of English Language Competency.

3. **References:** All applications require two academic references to be submitted in support. Candidates must approach referees themselves and request a reference to be submitted. Please use our referee form and should be sent to graduateoffice@cardiff.ac.uk when complete. Please ensure your chosen referees are aware of the application deadline, as we will be using these to help us evaluate your ESRC studentship application.

4. **Miscellaneous information:** Candidates may use this section to add their CV. This should include details of academic achievement and any other material relevant to the application. It should be no longer than two pages.

5. **Research proposal:** Applicants should use the ‘Research Proposal’ section of the application form to set out their doctoral thesis and project in summary. The proposal should be up to a maximum of 1,000 words, not including references. We suggest that you use the following four headings in your research proposal:
   1. Aims and purpose of the research
   2. Overview of the academic literature relevant to your field
   3. Proposed methodology
   4. Academic contributions of your research
   5. References

**General Information:**
The School of Psychology is one of the largest and most successful in the UK (http://www.cf.ac.uk/psych/). The School’s excellent standard of research and teaching has been recognised in every Research Assessment Exercise. It has its own brain-imaging centre (http://www.cf.ac.uk/psych/cubric/), enhancing the international-leading research in behavioural neuroscience, cognitive ergonomics, forensic, social and developmental psychology.

Cardiff is the youngest capital city in Europe and the fastest growing in the UK. It plays host to many national and international sporting events at the Millennium Stadium (http://www.millenniumstadium.com/). Culturally, the city is thriving, with the Wales Millennium Centre (http://www.wmc.org.uk/) in Cardiff Bay. Cardiff is in very close proximity to the beautiful Welsh countryside (http://www.breconbeacons.org/), has a two hour rail link to London and a (cheap) one hour air link to Paris and Amsterdam (http://www.cardiffairportonlinel.com/)
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