**Studentship Title:**  Open Studentships

**Research Area/ Project Title:**  See description below

**Location:**  School of Psychology

**Expected Start Date:**  1st October 2017

**Duration:**  3 years

**Deadline for Application:**  28th February 2017

**Description of Research Opportunity:**
We are currently accepting applications to study for a PhD in one (or more) of the areas of research outlined below, conducting research with leading academics, their research teams and collaborators. Those wishing to apply do not need to have their own specific research proposal. Indeed many of our successful students arrive having only identified a general area of interest in which to conduct their research apprenticeships, which in many cases provides an opportunity for training in a wide range of techniques. By the time our students have competed their PhDs, the majority will have published scientific papers in leading peer-reviewed journals, and go on to secure positions in academic or academic-related domains (e.g., fellowships, post-doctoral research in the UK or abroad, postgraduate taught courses, lectureships, industrial research).

Our PhD studentships therefore provide opportunities to be trained in many techniques relevant to your topic area, and to gain experience from projects beyond your own, in order to strengthen your research expertise and future employment prospects.

You do not need to have a project worked out before you apply, you just need to know what area you are most interested in, and which staff in the School you would like to work with. The actual PhD projects that successful applicants end up doing will be worked out in discussion between the applicant and the supervisor(s) either before the place is offered, or in on-going discussion afterwards. It is critical to have in mind one or several potential supervisors in advance, and to indicate this on your application.

The School of Psychology undertakes outstanding interdisciplinary scientific research under three broad and contemporary research themes: Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, and Social, Health & Developmental Psychology. These themes are underpinned by ten smaller research groups: Behavioural Neuroscience, Cognitive Neuroscience, Imaging Science, Learning and Development, Thinking and Reasoning, Perception and Action, Attention and Memory, Social Psychology, Wellbeing, Health and Mental Health, Developmental Science.
Note that the research areas given there are generally flexible, and you are welcome to submit your own ideas in related areas.

Both within and across these groups, collaborative research is evident and encouraged, as it is with the broader University, other UK and international academics.

**Award:**

The studentships will commence in October 2017, and will cover your tuition fees (at UK/EU level) as well as a maintenance grant. In 2016-17 the maintenance grant for full-time students was £14,296 per annum. As well as tuition fees and a maintenance grant, all School of Psychology students receive conference and participant money (approx. £2250 for the duration of the studentship). They also receive a computer and office space, additional funding for their research, and access to courses offered by the University’s Doctoral Academy and become members of the University Doctoral Academy.

Most positions are a 3-year award for full time research. We also have funding for “1+3” awards—a one-year Masters course followed by a 3-year research PhD. The Masters year includes lecture courses, some modular course-work and an extensive research project (which normally is in a topic related to the following PhD). You apply in the same way for both, but you can indicate a preference for a 3-year award, or a 1+3 award.

Non-UK/non-EU students

The School has in the past been able to offer some successful overseas applicants a stipend and support for tuition fees up to an amount equivalent to UK/EU students, with the remainder coming from other sources, including self-funding.

**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.

As only one studentship is available and a very high standard of applications is typically received, the successful applicant is likely to have a very good first degree (normally in a science discipline, a First or Upper Second class BSc Honours or equivalent) and/or be distinguished by having relevant research experience.

Note that we do not expect our graduates to have psychology degrees; some projects may be especially suitable for students of other disciplines, such as engineering or computing.

All places are awarded on a competitive basis.

Applicants whose first language is not English will need the following:

- an IELTS score of at least 7 (overseas applicants who require a visa to study in the UK also need to achieve a minimum of 6.5 in each skill area)

**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 http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying

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

Please specify that you are applying for this particular project.

**Application deadline:** 28th February 2017 with interviews (either in person or by Skype) being held on or around March/April and decisions being made by April/May

**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.cardiffairportonline.com/)

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