



Cardiff University
School of Psychology

Studentship Title:	Cardiff University Studentship
Research Area/ Project Title:	PTSD, affect regulation, and personality disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum
Location:	Cardiff
Expected Start Date:	October 2018
Duration:	36 months
Deadline for Application:	23 rd February 2018

Description of Research Opportunity:

Perinatal mental health is high on the political and public health agenda and the last three years has seen much investment in developing perinatal mental health services in the UK. Whilst much is known about the prevalence and impact of mood and psychotic disorders during the perinatal period, less is known about the prevalence and impact of PTSD and personality disorders during pregnancy and the postpartum. The aim of the project is to investigate the diagnostic overlap of PTSD, Bipolar and Personality Disorders during the perinatal period and to examine the pregnancy, childbirth and early infancy outcomes of different subgroups of women and their infants. Working with a team of researchers and clinicians (e.g. Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry and Academics) across the school of Psychology and the National Centre for Mental Health (NCMH) the PhD student will join our field team in recruiting and assessing women with moderate to severe mental health problems during the perinatal period. The PhD student will also have access to existing datasets that fall within the remit of the project. The successful applicant will develop a unique set of skills that will equip them for a career in both academia and clinical settings.

Award:

The studentships will commence in October 2018 and will cover your tuition fees (at UK/EU level) as well as a maintenance grant. In 2017-18 the maintenance grant for full-time students was £14,553 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.

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 (a First or Upper Second class BSc Honours or equivalent) and/or be distinguished by having relevant research experience.

How to apply:

You can apply online - consideration is automatic on applying for a PhD in Psychology, with an October 2018 start date (programme code RFPDPSYA).

Please use our online application service at www.cf.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/index.html

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: 23rd February 2018 with interviews (either in person or by Skype) being held in March 2018 and decisions being made by end of March beginning of April.

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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