



Cardiff University School of Psychology

Studentship Title:	School of Psychology
Research Area/ Project Title:	PhD studentship in Human motivation and behaviour change
Location:	School of Psychology, Cardiff University
Expected Start Date:	1st October 2017
Duration:	3 Years
Deadline for Applications:	25 May 2017

We are currently accepting applications to be considered for School of Psychology funding.

Description of Research Opportunity:

This PhD programme will use techniques from experimental social psychology (with a possibility of incorporating neuroscientific methods) to better understand the role of human motivation on value-laden behavior. Adults and children have qualitatively different motivations to engage in prosocial, egalitarian, and inclusive behaviors. Self-determination theory provides a framework for understanding how these motivations impact behavior, interaction quality, and well-being. Using insights from this literature as well as the intergroup, stigma, and prosocial literatures, we will undertake experimental work designed to define these motivations and their consequences.

The student on this project would have the opportunity to receive multidisciplinary training in psychology, brain imaging and computational modelling.

Award:

The studentships will commence in September 2016, 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). You will also receive a computer and office space, and access to courses offered by the University's Graduate Centre and become members of the University Graduate College.

The successful candidate will have access to a wide range of state-of-the-art research facilities and resources, including 3T and 7T MRI scanners, EEG/MEG and behavioural testing labs, and high-performance computing cluster.

Eligibility:

Full awards (fees plus maintenance stipend) are open to UK Nationals, and EU students. International students will typically be eligible for a UK/EU equivalent award only.

School studentship funding is highly competitive. In view of the limited number of awards and the very high standard of applications received, successful applicants are likely to have a very good first degree (a First or Upper Second class BSc Honours or equivalent).

Requirements

The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic and innovative individual. You will have, or expect to gain, a first class/good upper second degree, or a distinction/merit at masters level, in psychology, philosophy, neuroscience, or engineering/computer science. Research experience in psychology is desirable but not essential. You will need to have good written and oral communication skills, and be able to work in a team. You will need to have experience of using standard software for data analysis (e.g., Excel, SPSS, R) and be willing and able to work with both adults and children and recruit participants in the community (through field work) and by contacting schools and organizations.

About Us

We are one of the largest and strongest psychology departments in the UK, allowing us to offer well-resourced research opportunities in all areas of psychology, from neuroscience and brain imaging to social and developmental psychology, compassing both basic science and applied aspects. In the 2014 research excellence framework, Cardiff is one of the UK's top three universities for its world-leading research in psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience. The school were ranked 40th in the 2014 QS World University Rankings. The School has an Athena SWAN Bronze Award that recognises good employment practice and a commitment to develop the careers of women working in science. Please consult the School's web pages for more information <http://psych.cf.ac.uk/>. Cardiff is a thriving city in very close proximity to the beautiful coast and countryside (<http://www.breconbeacons.org/>). It has a two-hour rail link to London and easy access to airports at Cardiff and Bristol.

For informal enquiries about the project, please contact Netta Weinstein (WeinsteinN@cardiff.ac.uk).

How to apply:

No separate application is necessary – 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 and specify in the funding section that you wish to be considered for School funding.

Application deadline: 25th May 2017 with decisions being made in late May / early June.