

# **PhD studentship**

**The University of Leeds (Institute of Psychological Sciences) in partnership with Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust (Bradford Institute for Health Research)**

**Start date: October 2010**

**Supervisors: Dr Daryl O'Connor, Dr Peter Gardner, Dr Jane Ward**

## **The project:**

This studentship is a collaboration between the University of Leeds and Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The successful applicant will be based at the Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds (supervised by Dr Daryl O'Connor & Dr Peter Gardner), but the majority of work will be undertaken at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, with supervision provided by Dr Jane Ward at the Bradford Institute for Health Research.

The studentship will focus on the area of patient safety, and more specifically, the associations between the clinical work environment (for example, the characteristics of the job, patient-staff ratios etc) and the relationship with patient safety incidents (e.g. healthcare infections, medication errors, inaccurate observations). The research will use a number of different methods –questionnaires, focus groups/interviews, and diary methods – to understand more about how the work environment impacts upon a variety of patient safety outcomes within an acute hospital setting.

## **Qualifications/ experience:**

Applicants should hold (or be about to obtain) a first or upper second class honours degree in psychology or a related area such as health sciences. Applications are strongly encouraged from students who also hold a masters degree in a relevant subject (e.g. organisational psychology, health psychology, patient safety) or have a clinical qualification/ experience of working in the NHS.

The candidate will ideally have an interest working in NHS settings, combined with an understanding of a variety of research methods and analytical approaches. Good oral communication skills are imperative given the applied research setting, and all applicants should be prepared to provide an example of their written work. In addition to their research, the candidate will be expected to make a contribution to the departmental teaching portfolio, as is standard for post-graduates.

## **Funding:**

This studentship is available to UK and other EU nationals, and provides fees and a tax-free stipend of £13,590, subject to eligibility.

**Enquiries:**

Further information about this project about the Institute of Psychological Sciences and Bradford Institute for Health Research can be found at: <http://www.psyc.leeds.ac.uk> and <http://www.bradfordresearch.nhs.uk>

**How to apply:**

The closing date for applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010, with interviews held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

Applicants will need to provide a supporting statement, CV (including 2 academic references) and transcript of marks.

All applications should be sent to Kathryn Meaney, Postgraduate by Research Secretary, Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

If you have any questions about this studentship or would like an informal visit to the Bradford Institute for Health Research or the Institute of Psychological Sciences, please contact:

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