

PhD Studentships in Public Health Research (Diet and Physical Activity) University of Cambridge

Opportunities for PhD studentships are available at the Centre for Diet and Activity Research (CEDAR) and MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge. The studentships enable students to explore and develop their own area of research, within the context of the broader aims of:

- Understanding the determinants of dietary and physical activity behaviour at individual, community and societal levels.
- Developing, evaluating and modelling the outcomes of interventions that may affect dietary and physical activity behaviour including those outside the health sector, such as fiscal and transport policies.
- Estimating the longer term costs, benefits and trade-offs of behaviour change.

Please see <http://www.cedar.iph.cam.ac.uk/phds2018/> for further information, examples of previous studentships, and potential areas of research focus. Prospective students are encouraged to contact potential supervisors to discuss their plans.

Students will be registered with the University of Cambridge and belong to one of its Colleges. The student will be integrated into one of the prevention/public health focussed research programmes at CEDAR and the MRC Epidemiology Unit. The **MRC Epidemiology Unit** (www.mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk) is a research department in the University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, investigating the causes and prevention of diabetes and obesity. It also hosts **CEDAR** (www.cedar.iph.cam.ac.uk), a UKCRC Centre of Excellence in Public Health Research, which studies the factors that influence diet and physical activity behaviours. Research at CEDAR is interdisciplinary, bringing together epidemiology, statistics and modelling, and social and behavioural sciences (see www.cedar.iph.cam.ac.uk/research).

The studentships will commence in October 2018. These are 3-year positions for those who have a Masters degree, or equivalent training, in an appropriate scientific discipline. Opportunities also exist for 4-year positions for those wishing to undertake the University's MPhil in Epidemiology or Public Health course in their first year. We provide diverse training opportunities for all aspects of research, and for transferable academic and generic skills. The academic requirement for entry is a first or upper second class undergraduate degree or equivalent.

For EU (including UK) nationals ordinarily resident in the UK: Research Council (MRC) funding is available covering university fees and a stipend. **For EU (including UK) nationals ordinarily resident in a (non-UK) EU member state:** partial funding is available covering university fees only. **Non-EEA nationals** are not eligible for Research Council funding. Additional funding sources are available, which you can select via the University's Graduate Admissions Portal. We suggest that applicants select as many funding schemes as you are eligible for (see: <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding>).

To apply, please visit the University's Graduate Admissions Portal <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/how-do-i-apply>. You should upload a **full CV, two academic references,** and a **covering letter** detailing: i) whether you are eligible for MRC full or partial funding (see <https://www.mrc.ac.uk/skills-careers/studentships/studentship-guidance/student-eligibility-requirements/>), ii) whether you are applying to other funding sources, and iii) an outline of your research interests and how these align with those of CEDAR and the MRC Epidemiology Unit. Applications missing any of these components will not be considered.

Applicants are advised to visit www.mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk/work-and-study/studentships for general information before submitting their application. Applicants are encouraged to contact potential supervisors to discuss their research topic. For any enquiries please contact graduatestudies@mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk.

Closing date: 4th January 2018

Provisional date for Interviews: 26th January 2018