

PhD Studentships – Epidemiology of Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes and Related Disorders
MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge

Funded PhD studentships are available at the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge. The studentships enable students to explore and develop their own area of research, within the broader aims of the Unit.

We are seeking applications from highly motivated and talented students interested in:

- Aetiology of diabetes and obesity including gene-lifestyle interplay (N Wareham)
- Molecular epidemiology, including genomic and other 'omic' approaches (C Langenberg)
- Developmental and reproductive determinants (K Ong)
- Dietary/nutritional epidemiology (N Forouhi)
- Physical activity epidemiology (S Brage)

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 research programmes at the MRC Epidemiology Unit. The **MRC Epidemiology Unit** (www.mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk) is a research department in the School of Clinical Medicine at the University of Cambridge, 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.

The studentships will commence in October 2017. 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 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 degree or equivalent.

UK National and UK Resident Applicants: full funding is available, for university fees and a stipend. **Other European Economic Area (EEA) Applicants:** only partial funding may be available, covering university fees only. Additional funds may be available through other schemes and we suggest that, in addition to your application to us, you also seek out opportunities for maintenance or bursary funding (see for example: <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/funding>). **Non-EEA Applicants** are not eligible for MRC funding (we welcome expressions of interests from non-EEA applicants).

To apply, please send a **full CV**, a **1-page statement** describing your funding eligibility status, research interests and how these align with those of CEDAR and the MRC Epidemiology Unit along with **contact details for two academic referees** to graduatestudies@mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk. Applications missing any of the above components will not be considered.

University Brexit Statement (11 October 2016): European Union students applying for university places in the 2017 to 2018 academic year will still have access to student funding support. For more (& updated) information, please see www.cam.ac.uk/eu

Closing date: 31st March 2017

Interviews are likely to be scheduled for the 21st of April 2017