



## Behavioural Science PhD Studentships

WBS

University of Warwick

The Behavioural Science group at WBS focuses on the interaction between the natural and social science approaches to understanding behaviour. The group is one of the leading centres of its kind in Europe and is highly interdisciplinary, using methods drawn from psychology, economics, philosophy, and statistics. The group conducts basic and applied research, and has many links to industry.

We are pleased to invite applicants for two fully funded PhD Studentships.

### **Leverhulme Trust Studentship**

One studentship will be funded by the Leverhulme Trust programme award on Value. The topic areas can include how people arrive at values under risk and uncertainty and over time, or how individual values may be elicited and aggregated for public policy purposes. Applicants with a background in microeconomics, welfare economics and/or the psychology of judgment and decision-making are particularly invited to apply. Supervision will be by Graham Loomes and Daniel Read from Behavioural Science.

The Studentship will pay an annual maintenance allowance at the standard rate of £13,590 (based on the ESRC's current rate) and Tuition Fees at the Home/EU rate. Overseas applicants are welcome to apply but, if successful, will have to pay the difference between the Home/EU and Overseas Fees.

### **ESRC Doctoral Collaborative Studentship**

One studentship will be funded by the ESRC Doctoral Training Centre in partnership with the Behavioural Insights Team. The topic area is the application of behavioural science and field experiments to health policy. Applicants should have a strong interest in developing innovative solutions to complex policy problems, for example to increase medication adherence. A minimum 2.i class undergraduate degree in psychology, cognitive science, economics or neuroscience is required, and a Masters is preferred. The successful applicant will work closely with the Behavioural Insights Team and will be expected to work at their offices in London for at least three months a year. Supervision will be by Nick Chater from Behavioural Science and Samuel Nguyen from the Behavioural Insights Team.

The Behavioural Insights Team, often called the "Nudge Unit", applies insights from academic research in behavioural economics and psychology to public policy and services. The team works with almost every government department as well as local authorities, charities, NGOs and the private sector. This Studentship is an unprecedented opportunity to have a direct impact on health policy in the UK.

The Studentship will pay full fees and a stipend of £13,590 per annum for 3-4 years, plus an annual travel allowance. Available only to applicants who meet the ESRC's residency requirements:

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/postgraduates/prospective-students/eligibility/index.aspx>

## **Application**

An application form *must* be completed if you wish to be considered for these scholarships.

### ***For applicants who have not already applied to Warwick:***

Candidates must apply via the Warwick Business School Doctoral Programme. Details can be found at:

<http://www.wbs.ac.uk/courses/doctoral/phd/apply/>

**Click here to apply:** <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/pgapply>

**Application process:** Complete the online application form, upload your transcripts and provide a research proposal.

### ***For applicants who already have applied to Warwick:***

If you already hold an offer of a place at WBS or are a current student in your first year please contact the DPO office on [PhDadmission@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:PhDadmission@wbs.ac.uk)

**Deadline for applications:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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