

University of Essex

Department of Psychology

3 UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department has a strong research reputation and ranked in the top 20 in the country in the recent RAE 2008 exercise alongside Exeter and Bristol. Over half of our research was rated as 4* (world leading) or 3* (internationally excellent) We are recognised by the ESRC as an institution providing quality research training through its MSc Research Methods in Psychology. The department conducts cutting-edge research in a variety of areas of Cognitive and Social Psychology as well as Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neuroscience. Details of research areas of individual members of staff can be found on the department's website.

Three University of Essex Scholarships are now available, that provides support for a three-year programme of supervised research leading to a PhD. The scholarship will cover tuition fees, plus a bursary of £13,290 per annum. The scholarship will commence in October, 2010.

We welcome applications from enthusiastic, motivated, well-qualified candidates who have, or expect to obtain, a high 2(i) or first class honours degree in Psychology or a related discipline. Due to funding restrictions, candidates must be residents of the UK or EU.

We offer research supervision in a range of areas including:

- *Cognitive Psychology*: memory structures and processes; attention (visual, spatial and multi-sensory); visual information processing; the neuropsychology of memory; individual differences in thinking and reasoning; cognitive neuropsychology of memory and language; face and voice processing; language and literacy acquisition; cognitive development of executive functions, concepts and categories; cross-cultural differences and the interaction of language and thought.
- *Sensory and Cognitive Neuroscience*: visual perception and visual dysfunction; visual stress; colour vision; perceptual interactions between vision and touch; neural correlates of emotional states; functional significance of EEG; TMS and cortical plasticity; the cognitive neuroscience of emotion; processing biases in anxiety and depression; A range of techniques in brain stimulation, neuroimaging and electrophysiology (TMS, NIRS, EEG) is available in a newly opened Centre for Brain Science.
- *Social Psychology*: social cognitive theories of health-related behaviour; attitudes, decision-making, intention-behaviour relations and self-regulation; volitional strategies and habit; norms of social fairness; social perception and stereotypes; culture and physical health; culture and social relationships; the psychology of liberty; evolutionary psychology.

(see our Web site for further details our staff's research interests).

The closing date for applications is 19th February, 2010.

The successful candidate for the University of Essex Scholarship will also be expected to prepare an application for the ESRC Research Studentship competition.

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