



INFORMATION PACK

The Glasgow Centre for Population Health and What Works Scotland internships (2017)

Application Deadline: May 1st 2017

Please note that three internships will support this project

About the Glasgow Centre for Population Health and What Works Scotland

The Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH) seeks to generate insights and evidence, support new approaches, and inform and influence action to improve health and tackle inequality. Working with a range of stakeholders, the centre conducts research of direct relevance to policy and practice; facilitates and stimulates the exchange of ideas, fresh thinking and debate; and supports processes of development and change. The centre's current work programme focuses on four themes: understanding Glasgow's health; urban health; poverty, disadvantage and the economy; asset based approaches and resilience. Further information is available at: <http://www.gcph.co.uk/>

What Works Scotland (WWS) is a three year initiative which aims to support the use of evidence to plan and deliver sustained and transformative change in public services. WWS is a collaborative endeavour that brings together staff from the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, other universities, and governmental and non-governmental partners to focus on what works and does not work and to apply this learning within a Scottish context. Further information is available at: <http://whatworksscotland.ac.uk/>

The internships will support the exchange of ideas, debate and fresh thinking among a diverse range of stakeholders engaged with WWS and the GCPH programmes of work, particularly the *poverty, disadvantage and the economy* work programme.

Additional information and how to apply

The three internships are non-salaried work placements that provide students registered for a PhD degree within any university in Scotland the opportunity to apply to work with the GCPH and WWS. All internships are on a full-time working basis for three months (13 weeks). A monthly stipend equivalent to the ESRC standard maintenance stipend will be paid to each student.

The internships will be hosted within the Social Research Hub, University of Glasgow and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health which are both located at the Olympia Building, Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow G40 2QH. All students are expected to work within the GCPH office working hours, Monday to Friday.

Successful applicants and their university supervisor will be asked to sign an agreement document prior to commencing their internship, covering administrative details such as procedures for annual leave, etc. The successful candidates will be required to take an interruption of studies so that they are not eligible for fees during the internship. Research supervisors need to give permission for students to apply for these opportunities.

These internships present opportunities to work outside the topic area of a student's PhD to develop a range of transferable skills, enhance employability and gain experiences working with a diverse range of stakeholders engaged in addressing public health and public service challenges.

Eligibility

All students registered for a PhD at a university in Scotland who are, at the time of application, in full-time study, or part-time but able to commit to a full-time internship, are invited to apply for the projects described below. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the scheme and UK Border Agency regulations, students on a Tier 4 visa are not eligible to apply for internships.

Applicants must be in their second or third year of the PhD due to the experience required to fulfil the internship opportunities. This scheme is open for all students notwithstanding how their PhD is funded, as long as other criteria are met, such as nationality and eligibility to work in the UK. All applicants must ensure that they can meet these criteria in order to be eligible to undertake the internships.

How to apply

Applicants should submit an online application form available on the [What Works Scotland website](#) which includes space for a statement of support from your principal supervisor, along with a two-page curriculum vitae and equalities monitoring form. The deadline for applications is May 1st 2017

Applicants are free to apply for all of the three internships to maximise their chances but successful candidates will only undertake a internship.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their applications and areas of interest with one of the following contacts:

1. Professor Nicholas Watson, (Telephone: 0141 330 3916 or email: Nicholas.Watson@glasgow.ac.uk)
2. Mr James Egan (Telephone: 0141 330 2747 or email: james.egan@glasgow.ac.uk).

Students are encouraged to carefully consider the information requested in the application pack and pay particular attention to setting out their expertise in particular topics to address the desired skills listed. We welcome applications from students whose PhD studies cover public health or social protection topics. However, we equally welcome applications from students with academic experience in other policy areas that want to gain wider experience.

Selection process

Applicants will be selected for interview by the GCPH and WWS on the basis of their written application with interviews to be held at the Olympia Building, Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow. Applicants will be informed of the outcome approximately 4 weeks after the deadline. However, if you have not heard back from us within 6 weeks of the deadline then please contact James Egan at: james.egan@glasgow.ac.uk

Reporting Requirements

As co-production is a central aspect of this project, successful candidates will undergo a short induction period and be assigned a project mentor from GCPH/WWS. They will work closely with their mentor to produce a scoping document with editorial support and guidance provided by a small advisory group. Feedback on their experience of working with the GCPH and WWS on this project will be welcomed.