

ESRC funded CASE PhD Studentship



Exploring the relationship between physical activity and urban form in UK neighbourhoods

School of the Built Environment in conjunction with NHS Lothian

(Award includes tuition fees plus a maintenance stipend of £17,290 per annum, and is due to commence in October 2009)

Physical activity is one of the simplest ways to maintain and improve health. However, figures show that we are becoming less active as a result of changes in work patterns, travel patterns and domestic life. We also know that physical activity patterns are influenced by the built environment and the opportunities that neighbourhoods offer for active travel. This studentship offers the opportunity to explore that relationship in UK neighbourhoods, and contribute to a growing body of research evidence on health-built environment links. Further information about the studentship is available from the SBE website : <http://www.sbe.hw.ac.uk/ResearchandBusiness/case2009.htm>

Applicants should have a good honours degree and a background in town planning, urban studies, social policy, human geography or public health and will also need to demonstrate good interpersonal skills, good presentation skills and the flexibility required to work in a cross-disciplinary setting. For ESRC funding eligibility, applicants should also have an ESRC recognised postgraduate qualification in a relevant subject area or an equivalent level of research training, as set out in the ESRC's guidance for applicants and should have Home or EU fee status only.

Informal enquiries about this studentship are welcome, please contact Dr Caroline Brown at the School of the Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University, email c.j.brown@hw.ac.uk or telephone 0131 451 8224

Closing date for applications: 30 April 2009.