

## Funded PhD in Flood Research

**Title: Crossing the qualitative/quantitative divide: multimedia databases in flood research**

**Deadline: Midnight GMT, Friday 20 June 2014** (interviews between 7th & 11th of July 2014)

There is an exciting opportunity for a funded PhD at Kingston University in London with an annual stipend of £14,400. This project will create a countrywide data portal, providing for the first time easy access to a wide range of mixed media secondary data sources. This will include Environment Agency records and reports, documents produced by local government and emergency services, media outputs (print, video and web based) as well as both quantitative and qualitative research. A piece of place-based research using the database will both explore and illustrate the potential of the portal to enable innovative original research which combines media types and crosses the traditional quantitative/qualitative divide. The project will meet the current demand for more effective use of secondary data, enabling it to be explored in new ways by academics, policy makers, emergency services, flood practitioners, community groups and the wider public.

The applicant will ideally be a geographer with a good Honours degree and an MSc which has a significant floods/disasters element. They must have experience with both quantitative and qualitative research methods and have sufficient computer based skills to create and manage the flood database.

Further information, including how to apply, can be found at:

<http://sec.kingston.ac.uk/research/research-degrees/current-research-opportunities/funded/#gge>

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