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Muslim Women in Higher Education Institutions in Britain
ESRC DTP Joint Studentship

Loughborough University and Warwick University

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We are now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Joint Studentship between Loughborough University (where the student will be registered) and our partner Warwick University to commence in October 2021.

The Project

The PhD research project investigates opportunities and barriers to academic citizenship among Muslim women doctoral students, researchers and academics in British higher education institutions (HEIs). Citizenship is viewed in a broad sense and covers issues of recognition, participation and belonging. The project brings intersectional and spatial dimensions of HEIs to the fore in its analysis of Muslim women's academic citizenship. The overall goal is to examine Muslim women's experiences of barriers and opportunities, focusing on the career stages of PGRs, researchers and academics, with a view to producing policy-relevant knowledge that can support and enhance Muslim women's participation, belonging and success in higher education institutions. Key research questions ask which institutional-level barriers and opportunities to academic research are experienced by Muslim women in HEIs; which individual-level and broader societal factors that may progress or hinder Muslim women's academic careers in HEIs, and what best-practice policies and strategies can support Muslim women in HEIs. The research will employ qualitative methods of inquiry including interviews and focus groups.

Person Specification

We are seeking applications from those who hold a first class or upper second class (minimum 2.1) honours degree (or equivalent) at undergraduate level in sociology or related social scientific disciplines. Applicants may have completed a Masters degree by September 2021, but those without a Masters will be considered for a 1 + 3 award. Applicants will show an interest in, and commitment to, research which supports and promotes equality, diversity and inclusion in higher education institutions.

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please first check eligibility and then complete the Joint Studentship application form [available online here](#) and email this to esrcdtp@lboro.ac.uk. Shortlisted

applicants will also be required to provide two references (at least one of which is academic) prior to interview.

Application deadline: 5 March 2021. Interviews will be held via MS Teams on 11 and 12 March 2021.

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Informal enquiries about the research, the studentship, or Social and Policy Studies at Loughborough University, prior to application, can be directed to Dr Line Nyhagen (L.Nyhagen@lboro.ac.uk) or Dr Khursheed Wadia (Khursheed.wadia@warwick.ac.uk).