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Real world problem solving: advancing cognitive developmental science and supporting informal education

ESRC DTP Collaborative Studentship in the Midlands Graduate School

University of Birmingham and Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum

The Midlands Graduate School is an accredited Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP), with the first intake of students to begin in October 2017.

One of 14 such partnerships in the UK, the Midlands Graduate School is a collaboration between the University of Warwick, Aston University, University of Birmingham, University of Leicester, Loughborough University and the University of Nottingham.

The University of Birmingham as part of the Midlands Graduate School is now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Studentship in association with our collaborative partner Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum to commence in October 2017.

This project brings together psychology researchers at the University of Birmingham with educators at Thinktank to explore children's problem solving. Children and adults often encounter problems that they need to solve and we are interested in the cognitive processes that underpin this ability. By collaborating with Thinktank we will also address how we can support children's learning about problem solving and development of scientific abilities in a real world setting. Thinktank are developing their educational provision for the under 8s, which brings a unique opportunity to develop theoretical and applied work together.

Additional information [regarding the project can be found here](#).

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please complete the Collaborative Studentship application form [available online here](#) with your CV, two references, transcripts of your previous qualifications, and a cover letter, describing one or more research projects you have been involved in (no more than 1000 words) and along with two references email this to Parveen Chahal, p.k.chahal@bham.ac.uk.

Application deadline: 17th February 2017

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Our ESRC studentships cover fees and maintenance stipend and extensive support for research training, as well as research activity support grants. Support is available only to successful applicants who fulfil eligibility criteria. To check your eligibility, visit:

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/mgsdtp/studentships/eligibility/

Informal enquiries about the research or the School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, prior to application can be directed to Dr Sarah Beck, s.r.beck@bham.ac.uk.