Innovation in Healthcare PhD Studentships at Warwick Business School

Applications are invited for 4 year PhD studentships based at Warwick Business School, to study Innovation in Healthcare. A PhD scholarship is available commencing in October 2021.

The studentship includes:

- Fees at the home rate: £4,560 pa (2021/22 rate)
- A stipend of approximately £15,750 pa for 4 years (subject to confirmation of 2021/22 rates, will rise with inflation each year)

**About the Project** The PhD studentship is linked to a National Institute of Healthcare Research (NIHR) funded five year initiative (2019-2024), Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) West Midlands. Warwick Business School is part of the collaboration, which consists of Medical Schools in the Universities of Birmingham and Keele, and a wide range of NHS and social care providers and commissioners in the West Midlands, the latter representing empirical sites for research. ARC West Midlands is one of several ARCs funded nationally, intended to accelerate the translation of clinical evidence into frontline care in connection with long-term conditions. The cross-cutting research programme within NIHR ARC with which the studentship is connected, is led by Professor Graeme Currie, titled, ‘Organisational Science’; Professor Currie is also the Implementation Lead for the wider ARC West Midlands initiative. The Organisational Science theme works with and supports clinical academics, clinical practitioners and NHS and social care managers in translating clinical evidence into practice across the West Midlands in four substantive service domains: Long Term Conditions (led by Birmingham); Acute Care Interfaces (led by Birmingham); Integrated Care in Youth Mental Health (led by Warwick) and Maternity (led by Birmingham).

Applications for the PhD studentship are invited, focusing upon organisation and management issues associated with translating evidence into frontline practice, and which might support healthcare innovation in these domains. Indicatively, PhD students might focus upon: diffusion of innovation; innovation leadership; implementation science; patient and public involvement; behavioural science; (lean) re-engineering of healthcare services; entrepreneurship and innovation; strategic change.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants should have a minimum of an upper second class honours degree from a British university, or an equivalent from an overseas university; plus a relevant Masters degree ideally with a distinction in the dissertation.

If you have a generalist Masters degree, such as an MBA, or a Masters in a subject other than the one you plan to research, you will need to demonstrate specialist academic knowledge. For example through your Masters dissertation or, in exceptional cases, prior experience.

**How to Apply:** Applicants are invited to set out a short proposal (2 pages) for research that aligns with ARC mission and activities, which should encompass: location of study in a cognate area of business school research; framed by relevant literature; outline of proposed research design; its potential practical and theoretical contribution. Please email your proposal, together with a covering letter and your CV (naming 2 academic referees), to: ARCWM@warwick.ac.uk.

Applications must be made by midday on Monday 3rd May 2021. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 12th May 2021.

Please note that applications and any supporting documents will be sent to all members of the interview panel. Applications and supporting documents will not be used for any other purpose and will be deleted after the recruitment process has completed.
Further Information Further information on the Warwick Business School’s PhD programme can be found here: https://www.wbs.ac.uk/courses/doctoral/phd/. Interested applicants might address any enquiries to Professor Graeme Currie in the first instance (Graeme.currie@wbs.ac.uk).