

**PhD Studentship with the Changing Ageing Partnership (Cap)
Institute of Governance, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast
And
School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work**

Intergenerational Education

The successful PhD student will be supervised by Dr Laura Dunne in the Institute of Child Care Research, and will work closely with staff at the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social and the Institute of Governance. The details of the final proposal will be developed by the student in line with the findings of the seed grant and the aims of the Changing Ageing Partnership – CAP programmes.

The Changing Ageing Partnership (CAP) was established in December 2005 to improve the quality of life for older people. Funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies the partnership brings together:-

- Age Concern Northern Ireland
- Help the Aged in Northern Ireland
- Workers' Educational Association
- Queen's University Belfast

The **CAP Vision** is of *“A strong informed voice capable of challenging and changing attitudes and approaches to ageing”*

Information on Cap is available from the School of Law website:

<http://www.law.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofLaw/Research/InstituteofGovernance/ResearchProjects/>
and from the Cap website <http://www.changingageing.org/>

To be eligible for a DEL studentship, a candidate must:

1. have been ordinarily resident in the UK (for fees and maintenance studentships) throughout the period of 3 years immediately preceding the start of the studentship (or would have been so resident had the candidate, the spouse or either parent not been employed temporarily outside the UK or the EU).
2. the required academic qualification is a first or upper second class honours degree from a University in the United Kingdom or Ireland, or qualifications considered by the University as equivalent to this standard (any further requirements are stated in the individual detail.
3. hold the required academic qualification before the start of the studentship
4. NOT have already gained or completed the requirements of a doctoral degree, in any subject, however funded.

Requirements:

Applicants should have an Honours degree (minimum 2.1 or above) in psychology, education, law, social work, sociology, social policy or a cognate discipline.

Summary of the research plan:

The studentship will take forward the work that has been done to date under the auspices of the Cap Research seed grant; "Looking forward: A systematic review of children and young people's perceptions of old age". The programme of work will have a focus on intergenerational education and be informed by the findings of the systematic review:

- Few studies have focused on the benefits of intergenerational programs to the elderly
- Researchers have not given children the opportunity to express, in their own words, how intergenerational programs have affected their attitudes
- The United Kingdom is lagging far behind United States in ageing education research and implementation (Bernard & Phillips 2000)
- Research is needed to "help the intergenerational field reach its potential for contributing to the transformation of societal institutions" (Kuehne 1999)
- Systematic research has not "kept pace with the explosive growth of intergenerational programs" (Kaplan 2001)

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Applications should be made online by 4pm on Friday 11 January 2008

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