

**Del sponsored 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**

An International Comparison of the Ageing Process

The successful PhD student will be supervised by Dr Sally Shortall, and will work closely with staff at the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work and the Institute of Governance.

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

2. would have been so resident had the candidate, the spouse or either parent not been employed temporarily outside the UK or the EU).
3. 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.
4. hold the required academic qualification before the start of the studentship
5. NOT have already gained or completed the requirements of a doctoral degree, in any subject, however funded.

Summary of the research plan:

Applications for this studentship are invited from students interested in studying the capacity of older people to act as a community asset, in applying their skills, knowledge and experience to provide services that will help maintain other older, and younger, people in their communities. It is a sociological PhD and the successful candidate must consider social attitudes towards the ageing process; social capital; demographic changes; gender and aging; and civic engagement. The successful applicant must consider this research question using an international comparative perspective; in other words, it must compare Northern Ireland with another country or region of a country.

Requirements:

The requirements of this post are that applicants must have a degree in Sociology of cognate discipline and a taught Masters Degree. It is also essential that applicants have the ability to write research briefs and that they have experience of working with older people in another culture.

Application:

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

See: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/ProspectiveStudents/PostgraduateStudents/ApplyingtoQueens>

Candidates are also required to submit (by email) a short 2000 word research proposal, to Dr Sally Shortall by 4pm on Friday 11 January 2008. Both qualitative and quantitative research studies are welcome. The proposal must include a working title and clearly set out the aim and objectives for the proposed research. Detailed description of the proposed methodology and research methods is required. Applications must be explicitly focused on the goals of Cap.

For further information please contact:

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