

<u>Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-02-22</u>		
Faculty:	FLAS	Department: School of Humanities & Social Sciences
Lead Supervisor:	Dr Jessica Simpson	
Project Title:	"Get a better job!": Work and stigma in post-COVID UK	
Project Description:	<p>COVID-19 saw people across the UK 'clap for carers' on their doorsteps, and previously devalued workers e.g., cleaners, supermarket, delivery workers were hailed 'key workers' as the pandemic revealed the centrality of such labour in the neoliberal economy. However, these short-lived gestures did not materialise into pay increases for workers in these sectors, nor did they change the country's economic priorities. Amid the current 'Cost of Living Crisis', experts have predicted that more people will enter stigmatised forms of low-paid work in the near-future in their efforts to make ends meet.</p> <p>Working with local community partners and applying participatory methods, the potential candidate will address this contention by exploring contemporary forms of work-related stigma to understand how low-income jobs become devalued and the impact on workers in South-East London.</p> <p>The candidate will work with our partner organisations to hone the research design, collect the data, and produce outputs – both academic and non-academic – that will affect how workers, unions, employers, and policymakers think about different forms of work. They will also work collaboratively on projects and as part of a team, to communicate complex ideas in everyday terms and produce outputs that have applied as well as academic impact.</p>	
Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study or 6 years, Part-Time Study	
<p>Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance): Year 1: £16,062 (FT) or pro-rata (PT) Year 2: In line with UKRI rate Year 3: In line with UKRI rate</p> <p>In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home rate, currently £4,596 (FT) or pro-rata (PT), for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee for the duration of their scholarship.</p> <p>This fee is subject to an annual increase.</p>		
Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:		
Criteria:		E or D
Education and Training:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class or 2nd class, First Division (Upper Second Class) honours degree or a taught master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of 		E

assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, if your programme falls within the faculty of Engineering and Science a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in all elements of the test or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required. Unless the degree above was taught in English and obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA. 	E
Experience & Skills:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught master's dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of conducting participatory research 	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A background in sociology, political economy or critical management studies 	D
Personal Attributes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully 	E
Other Requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scholarship will commence in January 2023 	E
Closing date for applications:	16 September 2022
For further information contact:	Jessica Simpson (J.Simpson@gre.ac.uk)
<p>Making an application: Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process. Applications need to be made online via this link. No other form of application will be considered.</p> <p>All applications must include the following information. Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Reference Number (VCS-FLAS-02-22)– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying a research proposal related to the stated research topic * Applying for a PhD What is a Research Proposal - YouTube a CV including 2 referees * academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTS/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency * <p><i>*upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.</i></p>	

Before submitting your application, you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above.