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The School comprises the Departments of Geography (physical and human), Politics, History and International Relations and Social Sciences (Communication and Media Studies; Criminology and Social Policy; Social Psychology; Sociology). It is a partner in the Central England NERC Training Alliance (CENTA) for doctoral training and the Midlands Graduate School ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership.

In Geography, we lead intellectual agendas in "Children, Youth and Families" research, "Migration, Identity and the State", "Polar and Alpine Research" and "Hydrological and Ecosystem Science". You can find more information about our world-leading research here: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/geography/research/>

Before submitting an application, you must contact the School/Department to discuss your proposal and to ensure that this relates to staff expertise. Please feel free to email or ring any member of geography staff who you have identified as having the expertise and who you think could oversee your work as a supervisor. You can find a full list of staff and their research interests here: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/geography/staff/>.

Entry requirements:

Applicants should have, or expect to achieve, at least a 2:1 Honours degree (or equivalent) in the major discipline of their research field (or closely related subject). A relevant Master's degree will be an advantage.

Funding information:

The studentships are open to UK/EU graduates with backgrounds in relevant disciplines and who are articulate, well qualified and highly motivated. The studentship provides a tax free stipend of £14,553 per annum for the duration of the studentship plus tuition fees at the UK/EU rate. International students may apply however the total value of the studentship will be used towards the cost of the International tuition fee in the first instance. Studentships are for three years and candidates will be expected to register for 1st October 2018.

How to apply:

All applications should be made online at www.lboro.ac.uk/study/apply/research. Under programme name, select Social, Political and Geographical Science. Please quote reference number: SSPGS/OCT18

The full advert can be found here: <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/BGZ886/phd-studentships-in-social-political-and-geographical-sciences>

For enquiries about the application process, please contact Audrey Pridmore/Deirdre Lombard (spgsresearch@lboro.ac.uk, 01509 223879).

Closing date for applications: 28th February 2018

All the best
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