

The usual apologies for cross-posting.

Dear All,

I have funding for a PhD student to work with me on the topic of Urban Crisis and Public Health in the Geography Department at the University of Manchester. Details in the link and copied below. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please pass this on. I'd encourage interested applicants who meet eligibility criteria to get in touch.

Thanks,
Cristina

<https://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/opportunities/>

PhD studentship on Urban Health Crises

Deadline: Friday, 14 January 2022

Interviews: Interviews will take place on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 via Zoom.

Studentship Funding

This full-time 3.5 year PhD studentship, starting in September 2022 at The University of Manchester, is fully funded. The studentship covers academic fees, provides an annual Maintenance Stipend (£15,009) and access to a Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) for reimbursement of research related expenses including, but not limited to: conference attendance, training courses and fieldwork.

As a doctoral candidate, you will be part of the Department of Geography, contributing to the Cities, Politics, and Economies Research Group and associated with the Manchester Urban Institute. There will also be opportunities to contribute to current teaching programmes by working as a Teaching Assistant on Human Geography modules.

Supervisor

Dr Cristina Temenos

Project Description

Urban service innovation, particularly in the health sector, has been a key area of development for government and industry. For example, the UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 11 state the need to 'ensure healthy lives' and 'make cities safe, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable'. Urban health is one of eight key challenges set out by the European Commission's platform on the Future of Cities. And global consultancies such as ARUP have focused on health and care proximities as important for urban development and design. Innovation, while often portrayed as 'a-ha!' moments, takes time, planning and investment of appropriate resources. However, it is often when crisis occurs that change is pushed forward. 'Crisis' has often been used to take advantage of particular moments to implement radical changes in governance and policy. The speed at which crisis can be used to push through legal and material

changes to cities can have profound and lasting effects on urban spaces of public health.

This studentship will analyse the relationship between intersecting urban economic, social, and health crises and the municipal politics of health and social service provision in European and/or Latin American cities, focusing on how state-led restructuring has reconfigured landscapes of urban public health and social care, including official spaces of care and spaces of health governance and innovation. The global COVID-19 Pandemic has exposed ongoing and increasing inequalities in access to and experiences of healthcare. Therefore, the politics and practices of urban public health service provision have become an important focus for urban geographers studying social reproduction and marginalization in the city. It will look at ongoing health crises (e.g. the overdose crisis, HIV/AIDS outbreaks, disparities in healthcare access and outcomes) as well as more acute crisis such as the current pandemic state.

Applicants will develop their own project proposal within the specifications above.

The successful PhD student will join a growing team lead by Dr. Cristina Temenos (PI) working in this area on the topic of Urban Crisis: Public Health and the Intersection of Economic and Social Change in European and Latin American cities. Candidates interested in developing a project around these parameters should get in touch with a developed 1500-word project proposal relating to these topics.

Person specification

We are looking for an outstanding PhD candidate for this research who must have strong analytical skills and knowledge and experience in critical qualitative research methods acquired through relevant postgraduate training.

With this foundational knowledge, additional research training will be available to support specific project requirements.

Experience of international fieldwork and working knowledge of Spanish or Greek is desirable but not required.

Eligibility criteria

Academic:

In the majority of cases, candidates will have undertaken an undergraduate course and/or Master's course at a recognised UK higher education institution. However, some may have qualifications from outside the UK, or be able to offer a combination of qualifications and/or experience. In both cases, it will be necessary to ascertain whether these qualifications can be equated to an honours degree, and at what level. The ESRC bases its assessments of qualifications attained outside the UK on the British Council's NARIC guide. For non-UK qualifications transcripts in English as well as details in the original language must be provided with the application form.

A Master degree at Merit minimum with a minimum grade of 65% in the dissertation and a minimum taught average grade of 65% (or international equivalent)

Deadline

The application deadline for this studentship will be 14th January 2022. All supporting documents must be received by the deadline and sent as a zip file to pgr-seedfunding@manchester.ac.uk, using 'Future Leaders Fellows' as the email subject.

The application must include:

- Names and contact details of two academic referees who can comment on the applicant's suitability for PhD study and to undertake the advertised project.
- A degree certificate and transcript for your Bachelor's and Master's degrees;
- A 1500 word research proposal;
- Personal statement of no more than 700 words indicating why you would like to undertake this studentship award and explaining how your focus links to the research outlined above. Please include information of your relevant work or research experience and any technical/quantitative skills.
- A detailed CV.

Further information

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact [Cristina Temenos](mailto:cristina.temenos@manchester.ac.uk) cristina.temenos@manchester.ac.uk

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