**BU PhD Studentships**

**Marketing Briefing Form**

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| **Project title** | The development of processes and procedures to improve participation in and communication about Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation decisions. |
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| **Marketing Summary** | *Please provide a marketing paragraph (500 words max in total as external websites have word-count limits)*  The Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Bournemouth University working in partnership with Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RBCH) is offering a Matched-Funded PhD Studentship.  There is one studentship but two options to choose from in order to complete this studentship:   * full-time over 3 years. The 3 year option will consist of working 5 days a week on the PhD study.   OR   * full-time over 4 years. The 4 year option will consist of working 3 days a week on the PhD and 2 days a week in clinical practice at RBH over 4 years. This is ideally suited for those who wish to retain or develop their profesional practice skills whilst undertaking a PhD study. For those seeking this option applicants must have a UK registred health professional qualification   The studentship will begin in September 2017. You will be supported by an annual £14,000 stipend and an additional sum to support training and development costs during the Studentship.  We are looking for a highly motivated postgraduate student to undertake a PhD in the very sensitive area of communication of decisions about care towards the end of a person’s life.  There are three major components to effective communication of clinical decisions. First, that the clinicians responsible for carrying out communication have the appropriate knowledge and skills to do so effectively. Second, that policies and procedures pertaining to communication procedures are effective. Third, that patients and loved ones are provided with resources to attain a sustained understanding of its outcome. It should be noted that problems in relation to communication do not necessarily entail problems with all these components, and it is important to differentiate them in order to ascertain which is problematic and which is not.  The aim of the project is to develop processes and procedures to improve participation in and communication about decisions not to attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation.  Specific objectives include:  1. To identify the barriers to and facilitators of effective communication and sustained understanding of DNACPR decisions.  2. To identify mechanisms that can counter barriers and promote facilitators.  3. To develop processes and procedures that incorporate these mechanisms in a manner that takes account of the social, organisational and cultural context of RBCH.  Methods that will be used:  1. A systematic realist literature review of educational strategies to train healthcare professionals to engage in difficult conversations.  2. A scoping realist review of policies and procedures for conducting difficult conversations.  3. A systematic realist review of interventions designed to supplement healthcare information given by professionals.  4. Semi-structured interviews to identify stakeholders’ experiences and interpretations of current context and practice In RBCH.  5. Analysis of stages 1-4 to identify programme theories about the mechanisms required to support effective communication and sustained understanding.  6. Incorporation of programme theories into a model of communication.  7. Realist interviews with stakeholders to refine the programme theories and to enhance the feasibility of the model.  At the end of the project, we aim to have developed an intervention for enhancing participation in and communication of decisions about resuscitation. |
| **Closing date for applications** | Please use the online form to apply by Tuesday 4th July 2017. Interviews will be held at Royal Bournemouth Hospital on 24th July 2017.  [**https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/fees-funding/studentships-scholarships/fully-funded-phd-studentships**](https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/fees-funding/studentships-scholarships/fully-funded-phd-studentships) |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **(Please provide additional qualifications which may be relevant for your project)** | Studentship candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic potential with preferably a 1st class honours degree and/or a Master’s degree with distinction or equivalent Grade Point Average. An IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 minimum (with a minimum 5.5 in each component) is essential for candidates for whom English is not their first language. In addition to satisfying basic entry criteria, BU will look closely at the qualities, skills and background of each candidate and what they can bring to their chosen research project in order to ensure successful completion.  **Additional Eligibility Criteria:**  For those opting for the *4 year option* only you must be a health care practitioner and be eligible to practice in the UK.  For both 3 and 4 year option applicants, we will also be looking closely at the qualities, skills and background of each candidate and what they can bring in order to ensure successful and timely completion of the project. As this is a matched funded studentship with RBCH NHS Foundation Trust, the applicant will be interviewed by a representative from the Trust as well as by the BU supervisory team.. The applicant will be required to have enhanced disclosure and barring service clearance and demonstrate the values of the NHS Constitution. |