

De Montfort University

Graduate School Full Bursary PhD Scholarship

A qualitative study to determine the patient and general practitioner factors that influence the time to diagnosis for patients with newly diagnosed oesophageal cancer

**Nursing and Midwifery Research Centre/Group
School of Nursing, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences
De Montfort University, Leicester**

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A PhD research scholarship including stipend and tuition fee costs is offered within the Nursing and Midwifery Research Centre in the School of Nursing. It is available to UK or EU students who are suitably qualified and have outstanding potential as a researcher.

In offering this scholarship the University aims to further develop its proven research strengths in cancer and communication related research. It is an excellent opportunity for a candidate of exceptional promise to contribute to a stimulating, world-class research environment.

Each year in the UK 16,000 people are diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. The majority of these patients will have advanced disease at the point of diagnosis. There is currently a drive to raise awareness of symptoms and redesign referral/treatment pathways. The aim of this study is to gather information from a group of patients recently diagnosed with oesophageal cancer to develop a detailed picture of their pathway to diagnosis. We want to develop a greater understanding of how patients respond to changes in their health and how their GP's respond to reported symptoms. Ultimately we want to see if the findings from this study could be used to inform the development of strategies to promote earlier diagnosis of oesophageal cancer.

For a more detailed description of the scholarship, the subject area at DMU and an application pack please visit <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/research/graduate-school/phd-scholarships.aspx>. Please direct academic queries to Dr Lynn Furber on +44 (0)116 201 3974 or email lfurber@dmu.ac.uk. For administrative queries please contact researchstudents@dmu.ac.uk. Completed applications should be returned together with two supporting references and an academic transcript.

Applications are invited from UK or EU students with a Master's degree or good first degree (First, 2:1 or equivalent) in a relevant subject. Doctoral scholarships are available for three years of full-time study or five years of part-time study starting October 2016 and provide a bursary of ca. £14,296 (for full-time students) or £7,148 (for part-time students) in addition to University tuition fees.

Please quote ref: DMU Research Scholarships 2016: HLS FB2.

CLOSING DATE: 17th June 2016. Interviews are likely to take place in the week commencing 27th June.