De Montfort University
Graduate School Full Bursary PhD Scholarship

Title of Project: Improving access and uptake of breast cancer screening and treatment services by Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) citizens in Leicester

Funded by HOPE Against Cancer.

Mary Seacole Research Centre (MSRC)
School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Health and Life sciences
De Montfort University, Leicester

COMMENCING OCTOBER 2017 or the earliest after

A PhD research scholarship including stipend and tuition fee costs is offered within the Mary Seacole Research Centre in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. 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 ethnicity and health inequalities. It is an excellent opportunity for a candidate of exceptional promise to contribute to a stimulating, world-class research environment.

Project outline here (max. 120 words)

Leicester is one of England's most culturally diverse cities with approximately 50% of its population from Black and Minority Ethnic groups, particularly from South Asian communities. Historically, South Asian women were considered to have a lower risk of developing breast cancer than white British women. However, evidence indicates that this trend is changing and the incidence of breast cancer is increasing in South Asian women. Published data on ethnicity and breast cancer in the UK is limited. There are indications that South Asian women engage with breast cancer screening programmes less frequently than white British women. The aim of this study are to investigate the barriers faced by South Asian and African Caribbean women in accessing breast screening services and to identify solutions and develop best practice guidelines for improving access to breast cancer screening services. This PhD studentship will be supervised by Dr Lynn Furber and Professor Raghu Raghavan. This studentship is funded by Hope Against Cancer Charity.

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 2013974 or email lfurber@dmu.ac.uk. For administrative queries contact the Graduate School office email: researchstudents@dmu.ac.uk, tel : 0116 250-6309. 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 in a relevant subject (First, 2:1 or equivalent). Doctoral scholarships are available for up to three years full-time study commencing in October 2017 consisting of a bursary of £14,296 per annum in addition to waiver of tuition fees.

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CLOSING DATE: Friday 8th September, Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held mid to late September 2017.