



PhD Studentship: Breaking the cycle of immobility? Evaluating the impact of Leicester's e-bike scheme on urban mobility

Project description

In 2021, the city of Leicester will inaugurate what will become the largest docked e-bike hiring facility in the UK. The £600,000 scheme, funded through the UK Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund in partnership with the City Council and commercial sponsors, will ultimately see 500 electric bikes made available for public hire from 50 docking stations around the city. The scheme is designed to provide environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive and affordable mobility and seeks to increase uptake of active travel, including those who have traditionally not engaged with this form of transport. The aim of this studentship is to evaluate, using both quantitative and qualitative research techniques, the social impacts of the e-bike scheme on communities in Leicester. Applicants will require a degree in geography, transport, planning, engineering or related disciplines and have experience of handling both numerical and qualitative data.

Funding

DMU is offering a fully-funded 3-year PhD scholarship for this work, **commencing on 1st October 2021**. The stipend is pegged to the UKRI rate, currently at £15,609 per annum. **Lead Supervisor** is Dr Amarachi Amaugo (amarachi.amaugo@dmu.ac.uk).

Applicants must:

- Possess a UK Honours degree with at least an upper second class (or overseas equivalent), a Masters Degree or an academic or professional qualification plus experience in their sector or industry.
- Demonstrate competence in the use of the English language. Please see section 5b [here](#) for further details on meeting our English language entry criteria.

How to apply

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