PhD Studentship: Feeling at home? The measurement and implications of ontological security in housing

Project description

Ontological security captures the extent to which a person feels safe and secure in the world, but the level of ontological security people feel may be greatly affected by their current housing circumstances. Drawing on lessons from politics, public policy, housing studies and psychology, this project seeks to provide an interdisciplinary person-in-context understanding of the effect of different housing tenures – particularly owning without a mortgage, owning with a mortgage, private renting, social renting, and very insecure accommodation/homelessness – on an individual's and community's levels of ontological security. The project will lead to the creation and publication of the first post-pandemic measurement instrument of ontological security. It will also consider the consequences of differing levels of ontological security, e.g., on lifelong wellbeing, diversity and social justice. It will do so using both quantitative and qualitative research methods. The project will lead to opportunities for both academic publications and engagement with practitioners.

We are seeking to recruit a social or behavioural scientist broadly defined, with an academic background in political science, psychology, or a cognate discipline. While training will be provided, we are particularly keen to recruit someone with a good understanding of empirical research methods.

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 Jonathan Rose (jonathan.rose@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

Please go to the scholarships page which outlines the 2-stage process for applying for these scholarships.