

PhD Studentship: Finding a place to call home? Post-COVID-19 spatial inequalities, housing, 'race' and wellbeing for people with Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia and their families

Project description

This PhD project is the first national social science study to understand the relationship between housing, spatial inequalities, 'race' and how that affects people with sickle cell and thalassaemia and their families. Consisting of a mixed-methods design, the project will survey 100 families across the United Kingdom to understand how people live and the impact it has on their physical and mental wellbeing. This will be followed-up by 20 in-depth semi-structured interviews, as well as use of innovative visual methods, to understand the housing needs of people with the conditions, and their families, and what it means to call a place 'home'. It is hoped that this project will lead to public health and housing policy insights that we can put directly into practice to improve health and wellbeing across the life-course.

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 Natalie Darko (natalie.darko@dmu.ac.uk) of Stephen Lawrence Centre, **Second Supervisor** is Dr. Maria Berghs (Maria.Berghs@dmu.ac.uk) of the Unit for the Social Study of Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell and **Third Supervisor** is Professor of Housing and Social Inclusion, Jo Richardson, (jrichardson@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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