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# PhD Studentship

**Enhancing quality of life in residential high rises: Sustainable design responses for more social integration**

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**STARTING OCTOBER 2014**

A three-year PhD research studentship covering stipend and tuition fee costs is available from De Montfort University to address the important issue of vertical cities and urban design. This provides an opportunity for a high quality, intelligent graduate to participate in significantly advancing the research field of public spaces of high-rise residential development by carrying out this project.

Applicants for this post should ideally be graduates of a related discipline, and should possess a first or upper second class honours degree. A good knowledge in high-rise design/housing is essential; an understanding of the interface between people and the environment, and experimental design skills are desirable. Doctoral scholarships are available to suitably qualified UK or EU students for up to three years full-time study starting October 2014 and provide a bursary of £13,770pa in addition to university tuition fees.

The project proposes a post occupational evaluation study of a high-rise ecology. The current vertical/high-rise typology not only neglects the social sustainability aspect of its design, but also environmental sustainability and human comfort. In designing high-rises many architects and planners overlooked the complexity of creating these public realms in detail; resolving social infrastructure as spaces not places. As a result, high-rise design has become an unpopular choice for urban settlement. This study examines social exchange as the means of identifying good and bad practices for making social and public spaces in residential high-rises.

For a more detailed description of the studentship project please email Dr Ahmad Taki [ahtaki@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:ahtaki@dmu.ac.uk) or Dr Yuri Hadi [yuri.abdulhadi@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:yuri.abdulhadi@dmu.ac.uk)

Applications should be supported by two references.

The closing date for applications is **Friday March 21st.**

Late applications will not be considered

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