ESRC DTC Collaborative Studentship: Educational and psychological outcomes for siblings of children with intellectual disability/autism

University of Warwick and Sibs

University of Warwick: Doctoral Studentships in the Social Sciences

The ESRC Doctoral Training Centre at the University of Warwick, one of 21 such centres in the UK, embodies the university’s commitment to producing the next generation of leaders in social science research. Internationally renowned for its research excellence, Warwick is now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Studentship in association with our collaborative partner Sibs, the UK charity for brothers and sisters of disabled children and adults, to commence in October 2016.

The academic department to host the PhD is the Centre for Educational Development, Appraisal and Research (CEDAR; http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/cedar/). Sibs (http://www.sibs.org.uk/) is a third-sector organisation who is our partner in this project. The PhD student will work collaboratively with Sibs throughout the duration of the award. Sibs is the UK charity for brothers and sisters of disabled children and adults.

PhD content

The plan for the research is to carry out four linked research projects using a range of methods, representing excellent research training opportunities: 1. A secondary analysis of the Millennium Cohort Study in the UK to look at psychological and educational outcomes for siblings compared to other UK children, 2. Contribution to, and analysis of, data for our 1,000 Families Study (including sibling well-being measures), 3. A qualitative study of the experiences of siblings in the education system/at school, and 4. An evaluation of Sibs’ sibling workshops in schools.

Supervisors

The project will be supervised by Professor Richard Hastings (CEDAR), and Monica McCaffrey (Chief Executive of Sibs). Part of the PhD will also be co-supervised by Dr Vaso Totsika (CEDAR).

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please email a single pdf document to diana.smith@warwick.ac.uk that includes the following: A cover letter (maximum 2 pages) indicating your interest in the PhD and how your experience to date prepares you for this PhD study; a full academic CV; and the postal address, email and telephone number details for two academic referees who can comment on your suitability for PhD study (and who can be contacted in advance of the interviews).
Application deadline: Thursday 21 April 2016, 12 noon
Interviews: Tuesday 10 May 2016

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http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/esrcdtc/studywithus/eligibility/

Informal inquiries about the research or CEDAR prior to application can be directed to R.Hastings@warwick.ac.uk