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## **Rural gentrification and transformations in the rural real estate complex - ESRC DTP Joint Studentship in the Midlands Graduate School**

### **University of Leicester and Loughborough University**

The Midlands Graduate School is an accredited Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP), with the first intake of students to begin in October 2017.

One of 14 such partnerships in the UK, the Midlands Graduate School is a collaboration between the University of Warwick, Aston University, University of Birmingham, University of Leicester, Loughborough University and the University of Nottingham.

The Midlands Graduate School is now inviting applications for an ESRC Doctoral Joint Studentship between the University of Leicester (where the student will be registered) and Loughborough University to commence in October 2017.

The student will work under the supervision of Professor Martin Phillips (University of Leicester) and Professor Darren Smith (Loughborough University) to develop a study of the impact of transformations in estate agencies on processes of rural gentrification in the UK. The research will examine the emergence and impact of estate agencies focused variously on the sale of rural properties within global luxury markets, specialist forms of rural living across national markets, and regionally focused independent estate agents focused on the sale of rural properties to people from beyond the region. The research will examine the degree to which rural gentrification should be viewed as a 'translocal' phenomenon involving flows of people into and out of a locality, as well as consider the role of 'financialisation' in the formation of rural gentrification. The research will involve interviews and ethnographic research within estate agencies, as well as interviews with rural residents and web- and questionnaire- based surveys. The student will be working alongside researchers involved in a major international project examining rural gentrification in the UK, France and USA ([www.i-rgent.com](http://www.i-rgent.com)).

### **Application Process**

To be considered for this PhD, please complete the Joint Studentship application form [available online here](#) and, along with two references, email this to [pgrgeog@le.ac.uk](mailto:pgrgeog@le.ac.uk).

**Application deadline: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Interviews will be held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

### **Midlands Graduate School ESRC DTP**

Our ESRC studentships cover fees and maintenance stipend and extensive support for research training, as well as research activity support grants. Support is available only to successful

applicants who fulfil eligibility criteria. To check your eligibility, visit:

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Informal enquiries about the research or the Department of Geography, University of Leicester, prior to application can be directed to Professor Martin Phillips (email: [martin.phillips@le.ac.uk](mailto:martin.phillips@le.ac.uk); phone: 0116 2523886).