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ESRC CASE studentship in collaboration with Glasgow City Council (1+3 years)

“Negotiations of social security welfare and risk amongst migrant populations from former socialist countries residing in Glasgow”

Applications are invited for an MRes + PhD scholarship funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) under its CASE collaborative awards scheme. The studentship will run from September 2009-September 2013.

The PhD research will complement and further existing local studies of migration to Scotland and interactions between migrants and key service providers by focussing specifically on issues concerning social security and welfare provision. It will explore the complex ways in which migrants from Central and Eastern Europe/former Soviet Union residing in and around Glasgow manage uncertainties and construct securities with respect to daily welfare concerns. In particular, attention will be paid to the diversity of migrants and their needs and the relevance of experiences and practices from their cultures and countries of origin, in order to shed light on the ways in which social security can best be achieved for both migrant and host communities.

The student will be based in the Department of Central and East European Studies, University of Glasgow and at Glasgow City Council. The PhD will be co-supervised by Prof Rebecca Kay and Dr Moya Flynn (University of Glasgow) and by Ms Dawn Corbett (Glasgow City Council).

The first year of the award September 2009-10 will be spent studying for the research training masters (MRes) in Russian, Central and East European Studies. Candidates already in possession of a relevant ESRC recognised MRes are welcome to apply and would, if successful, proceed directly to a three year PhD studentship.

Applicants are welcome from a range of disciplinary backgrounds including – but not restricted to – area studies, social policy, sociology, and anthropology. Applicants should hold a good Honours degree. A relevant Masters qualification is desirable. Language skills relevant to a CEE/FSU context are also desirable. Willingness to learn a language is essential.

The studentship is funded for Home/EU students only. For eligibility details see the ESRC website: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/>. For informal enquiries concerning the scholarship please contact

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Applicants should send a covering letter, CV and two references to
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Application deadline: Friday 15th May, 2009. Interviews for shortlisted candidates are provisionally scheduled for the week beginning 22nd June, 2009.