



The Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentships

HOMESIDE: A home-based spousal caregiver-delivered music intervention for people living with dementia: a randomised controlled trial

Studentship number: A14

Location: [Cambridge](#)

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Deadline for applications: 3 March 2019

Interviews: 24 April 2019 in Cambridge

Start Date: September 2019

Successful applicants will benefit from a **fee waiver and a stipend/bursary** at UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) level. As PhDs run for three years, your stipend will be uplifted in line with UKRI recommendations for each year of study.

Description

As a music therapy PhD student, you will join our internationally-known clinical research team. We work on a programme of projects in the fields of dementia, adult mental health, and child and family work.

You will be focused on the project HOMESIDE, involving family care givers and people with dementia dyads. The University of Melbourne is the lead partner, together with four other universities in the UK, Germany, Poland and Norway. You will work primarily for the UK arm of the study, which will test the effectiveness of a three-month home-based music programme and its capacity to reduce behavioural and psychological problems for people with dementia, using a primary outcome measure. Secondary outcomes will examine relationship quality between couples, depression, resilience, competence, and quality of life. Specifically, you will assist in data collection and musical training for participants, using music therapy techniques. Couples will be making music or reading together at home. You will visit participants' homes for training and support, and gather data through telephone calls. As well as this, you will develop and monitor written training manuals for the musical training of carers and their companions with dementia, and be involved in data analysis of videos and qualitative data from participants' diaries.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in research ethics; work with an international multi-disciplinary team; present at dementia/carer conferences around the world; and present at academic conferences, including contributing to dissemination and publications.

Based in The Cambridge Institute for Music Therapy Research, which is housed in the state of the art Jerome Booth Music Therapy Centre, you'll work alongside professors, postdoctoral researchers and research assistants in music therapy and neuroscience. The MA Music Therapy course is based in the centre, so opportunities for teaching will also occur.

Please note that the University retains intellectual property rights to the research.



Entry requirements

The full-time Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentships are open to all **UK/EU fee status applicants**.

To apply, you'll need:

- a 1st class bachelor degree
- **OR** a 2:1 bachelor degree and a Masters at Merit level or above
- in all cases, if English is not your first language you will need an IELTS score of 6.5 with 5.5 in each component, or equivalent test recognised by Anglia Ruskin University.

Equivalent awards will be considered.

Your qualifications should be relevant for your chosen studentship.

You should be ready to submit your thesis within 3.5 years of starting your studentship.

Please note that the University asserts the right to claim any intellectual property generated by research it funds.

How to apply

To discuss a research project, please contact Professor Helen Odell-Miller OBE on 0845 1962045 or email Helen.odell-miller@anglia.ac.uk

You can apply for a Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentship using our online application form. Please make a note of the project reference number as you will need to enter this on the application form.

To start your application please visit: <http://bit.ly/homeside-VCphdapply>

You will need electronic copies of the following documents to upload to the application form. We can accept files in pdf, jpeg or Word format.

- Certificates and transcripts from your Bachelor and Masters degrees (if applicable)
- Your personal statement explaining your suitability for the project
- Your passport and visa (if applicable)
- Your English language qualifications (if applicable)
- Your curriculum vitae

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted in early April.

If you have any queries about the application process or the terms and conditions of our Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentships, please contact Becky Kraszewski on 01245 684920 or email vcphdstu@anglia.ac.uk.

We will review all applications after the submission deadline of 3 March 2019, and contact shortlisted applicants in early April.