



University of
St Andrews

PhD Scholarship in Population Studies / Demography

We invite applications from qualified and highly motivated students for a 3-year PhD studentship to investigate spatial and contextual aspects of migrant and ethnic minority employment, family, and housing in the UK. The project is part of the ERC-funded MigrantLife project (<https://migrantlife.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>). The study will compare migrant life trajectories between different regions and/or will investigate the effect of contextual factors on migrant employment, family, and housing. The study will use data from the UK Household Longitudinal Study, ONS Longitudinal Study and/or Census microdata. In the final part of the project, future life trajectories will be projected. The project will improve our understanding of how various contextual and spatial factors (e.g., regional labour and housing markets) shape the life trajectories of immigrants and their descendants.

The PhD scholarship will cover: 1) A maintenance grant of £15,890 per year (in the 2022/23 academic year, subject to increase annually according to the ESRC rules and regulations); 2) A research training support grant (RTSG) of £750 per year; and 3) Full tuition fee (both for home and international students). Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria: 1) A master's degree with distinction or merit in any area of social sciences including statistics and applied mathematics; 2) Interest in application of advanced quantitative methods in social sciences; and 3) Interest in working with longitudinal data. Coding skills are an advantage (e.g. in R, Stata or SAS), but not required. The University of St Andrews strive for equal opportunities. Applications of any background are welcome.

Candidates must submit an online application by **13th June 2022**. Please see the advice on applying for research degree programmes at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research/>. Please apply to the programme "PhD Geography (Science)". Please include a covering letter outlining your interest in population and migration research and in applying advanced quantitative methods in social science research. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in the second part of June.

The project will be part of the ERC-funded MigrantLife project. The successful applicant will also become a member of the Population and Health Research Group (PHRG) at the School of Geography and Sustainable Development, the Centre for Population Change (CPC), and the ESRC Connecting Generations Centre (CGC). The research of the PHRG covers a wide range of topics including the analysis of health and mortality; family and fertility dynamics; and migration. The group combines expertise in demographic, longitudinal and spatial data analysis (<https://populationandhealth.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>). CPC and CGC are joint partnerships between various UK universities (<http://www.cpc.ac.uk/>; https://www.cpc.ac.uk/research_programme/connecting_generations/).

This is an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated PhD student to work in an international team of researchers on a cutting-edge social science topic and applying advanced quantitative methods to longitudinal data. The studentship is available in **September 2022**. For informal inquiries, please contact Prof. Hill Kulu (Hill.Kulu@st-andrews.ac.uk), Dr Júlia Mikolai (julia.mikolai@st-andrews.ac.uk), Dr Chia Liu (ccl26@st-andrews.ac.uk) or Dr Isaure Delaporte (icmd1@st-andrews.ac.uk). Please include 'MigrantLife PhD studentship' in the subject line of your email.