**Title:** Funded MPhil Studentship  
**School/department:** School of Psychology  
**Supervisor:** Prof. Kevin B. Paterson, collaborating with Dr. Sarah J. White, and Professor Irene Gottlob  
**Entry Requirement:** UK/EU applicants only – first degree (BSc) obtained in last three years only

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**Research Studentship (MPhil) in**

**Eye movement behaviour of typically and atypically developing readers**

Applications are invited for a **12 month** research studentship in “Eye movement behaviour of typically and atypically developing readers” funded by the Freemasons Grand Charity and Development and Alumni Relations Fund at the University of Leicester.

The MPhil studentship will cover the full University student fees for UK/EU students and a maintenance grant for 12 months and a small amount for research expenses and travel.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Prof. Kevin Paterson for an informal discussion on 0116 2297179 or by email to kbp3@le.ac.uk

The student will be based in the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour, University of Leicester (http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/npb), working within the Perception and Sensory Processing research group (http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/npb/research/perception-and-sensory-processing). The student will be encouraged to complete all aspects of the MPhil including submission by the end of the 12 month grant period.

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**Project Overview**

The project will involve undertaking eye tracking studies to examine eye movements during reading by typically and atypically developing child readers. A sequence of linked studies will provide a detailed examination of how the visual characteristics of words impact on the reading abilities of these participant groups. The eye tracking methods will enable us to carefully examine the time course of visual processes during reading. Such research is central to developing our understanding of the reading difficulties experienced typically and atypically developing readers. By the end of the 12 month period a final report will be produced, suitable for submission for an MPhil award.

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**Entry Requirements**

Applicants must have a first-class or high upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent qualification) obtained in the last three years or a closely related subject and and complete the university online application process [University Online Application Form](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/npb/research/perception-and-sensory-processing).
Students must meet the University’s standard English language entry requirements.

This studentship is only available to new applicants who are permanently resident in the UK or another EU country. The studentship is for full-time study only and applicants must be able to commence their studies as soon as possible.

TO APPLY

- Please complete the University Online Application Form.
- Apply for campus-based Full time / Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour Research / select next intake date
- Include a personal statement outlining why you are interested in this research project
- Include Prof Paterson as the proposed supervisor
- In the funding section of the application select Studentship and then Other - in the drop down menu put Mason’s Grand Charity and DARO as the source of funding.