3 Year PhD Studentship available for September 2018

Department/School: Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour

Funding: 3-year PhD studentship funded by the Alzheimer’s Society

Supervisors: Dr Claire Hutchinson (ch190@le.ac.uk) and Professor Kevin Paterson (kbp3@le.ac.uk)

Eligibility: UK/EU applicants only

Project Title: Understanding the effects of concurrent visual impairment on the experience and diagnosis of dementia

Project Description:

Many people living with dementia experience concurrent visual impairment and this is likely to exacerbate the effects of the dementia and adversely affect an individual’s quality of life. Moreover, effects of visual impairment may masquerade as behaviours associated with dementia, including in clinical tests, and so produce misleading indications of memory loss or cognitive decline.

Applications are invited for a 3-year PhD studentship funded by the Alzheimer’s Society, the purpose of which is to better understand the impact of visual impairment on the everyday experience and quality of life of individuals with early stage dementia and identify key considerations in the care and diagnosis of individuals with concurrent visual impairment and dementia.

Funding details:

Funding provides a 3 year UK/EU tuition fee waiver and a stipend package worth £15,000 per annum

Entry requirements:

Applicants are required to hold/or expect to obtain a UK Bachelor Degree 2:1 or better in an area relevant to the Life Sciences (e.g. Psychology, Optometry, Orthoptics). The University of Leicester English language requirements apply where applicable.
How to apply:

Please apply using our online application system

In the funding section of the application, please state that you are applying for a studentship. In the proposal section, include the project title and the name of the project supervisors.

You should also provide a personal statement outlining why you are interested in this project.

Project enquiries: Dr Claire Hutchinson ch190@le.ac.uk or 0116 229 7183

Application enquiries: pgradmissions@le.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: 31st March 2018