

**UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**  
**Department of Politics**

**ESRC Doctoral Studentship on PATHWAYS project “Beyond numbers: do immigrant-origin MPs speak for immigrant-origin minorities in the UK Parliament?”**

Applications are invited for a 3-year Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded PhD Studentship in the Department of Politics, supervised by Dr Maria Sobolewska. The studentship comprises an annual stipend of £13,726 (for UK students only) and payment of fees up to the level charged for UK/EU students (approximately £3900; for UK/EU students; overseas students would need to pay the balance in fees themselves). Starting in September 2015.

**PATHWAYS**

The studentship forms part of the ESRC funded PATHWAYS project, which is a seven country study of substantive and descriptive representation of immigrants and immigrant-origin minorities in Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Greece, Italy and the Netherland. The students will have some autonomy to craft their own project within the topic outlined in further particulars, as long as they use the data generated by the project and focus on the project research questions (details in the further particulars).

The project offers an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their skills through working with experienced investigators on a cutting edge research project. The student will be fully integrated into the project, and encouraged to assist the investigators with project development. The student will analyse unique new empirical data and will be supported in any additional data collection they want to conduct. The project provides a chance to form meaningful networks with the other case-study investigators and PhD project students based in other countries as the budget allows the students to travel abroad for team meetings.

The student will work within the world-leading research networks and an active community of post-graduate students of the Department of Politics at the University of Manchester and the Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE). Candidates for the studentship should have a strong background in empirical methods and should be open to both quantitative and qualitative analysis (training will be provided), but could be drawn from a range of disciplines, including political science, sociology, geography, social statistics, and economics. Please see further particulars.

**Admissions Criteria**

Applicants must have a first-class or high upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent qualification), preferably in social science. They must also have an ESRC accredited UK Masters degree (or overseas equivalent) in a relevant subject, with significant training in relevant quantitative skills. Previous experience with statistical software, in particular STATA and SPSS, is desirable.

**How to apply**

Applicants are required to provide: (i) an initial research proposal of no more than 1,500 words (not including references) setting out how they would like to develop the studentship topic outlined in further particulars; (ii) a short (maximum 2 pages A4) personal statement explaining applicant’s interest in this area of research; (iii) a full CV. If the applicant is shortlisted for an interview a sample of academic writing, in English, will also be required.

Research proposal and CV should be emailed to [Maria.Sobolewska@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Maria.Sobolewska@manchester.ac.uk) The successful candidate will be required to submit a full University of Manchester on-line application, plus supporting documents (two academic references and degree transcripts) to fulfill the normal admissions process.

**Deadline**

**31 January 2015.** Candidates may be called for interview during February.