

**University of Manchester**  
**Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI) PhD Studentships**

The University of Manchester's Sustainable Consumption Institute will be offering up to 5 fully funded PhD studentships to outstanding candidates wishing to commence their doctoral studies in September 2015.

The Sustainable Consumption Institute aims to bring insight and clarity to a key part of the sustainability challenge: the role of consumption. It takes original insights from across the Social Sciences and subjects them to critical empirical scrutiny in order to advance fundamental understandings about processes of consumption and innovation, and to consider their implications for transitions towards more sustainable societies.

The studentships will need to be closely aligned with the research agenda of the SCI, and so applicants are advised to consult the SCI's website for details of existing and ongoing projects (see <http://www.sci.manchester.ac.uk/home>).

Successful candidates will be funded by the SCI, supervised by at least one member of SCI staff (Boons, Browne, Evans, Geels, McMeekin, Southerton, Warde) and located within a host School. The exact location of the studentship will depend on the applicant's project, their interests and their supervisor. We anticipate that most candidates will be based in the School of Social Sciences (SoSS), Manchester Business School (MBS) or the School of Environment, Education and Development (SEED).

Candidates are invited to write a research proposal for a PhD project that complements and/or extends current SCI research projects. Applicants **must** get in touch with potential supervisors to discuss their ideas in advance of making an application.

**Studentship details** - The studentships comprise an annual stipend of £14,210, payment of fees up to the level charged for UK/EU students (TBC but currently £3,996) and £1,000 for fieldwork and conference expenses. It **might** be possible to cover the fees for non-UK/EU candidates, but this will only happen in **exceptional circumstances**. The studentship will be for direct entry onto the three year (+3) PhD programme. The programme will commence in September 2015. Continuation of the award is subject to satisfactory performance.

**Entry Requirements** - Applicants must hold a Bachelors degree equivalent to a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours UK degree. They must also have (or expect to gain) a UK Masters degree (or overseas equivalent) at Merit level (with a coursework/examination average of 60% or more **AND** a dissertation mark of 60% or more, with no mark below 50%) or above in a **relevant social science discipline**. Preference will be given to candidates whose Masters degree involves a significant element of social science research methods training, and those who performed at distinction level (70% or higher) or equivalent.

**How to apply** - Applicants should email [david.evans-2@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:david.evans-2@manchester.ac.uk) a full CV together with a covering letter and research proposal. Please note that applying for the SCI PhD studentship is **separate process** to applying for entry to a PhD programme. Successful candidates will therefore **also** be required to fulfill the normal admissions procedures for the school in which they will be based.

**Further information** – see <http://www.sci.manchester.ac.uk/sci-phd-studentships> or e-mail [david.evans-2@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:david.evans-2@manchester.ac.uk)

**Deadline** – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015