



**Title:** Doctoral Studentship (PhD)

**Application Closing Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Location:** Hartpury University, Gloucestershire.

**Stipend:** £19,237 per annum

**Contract Type:** Full Time (3 years)

**Area of Research: Physical activity and wellbeing through drumming**

Hartpury University is pleased to offer this exciting project examining physical activity and wellbeing using drumming as part of its continued work as part of the renowned [Clem Burke Drumming Project](#). The Clem Burke Drumming Project was co-founded by Prof Steve Draper and is a collaborative project with the University of Chichester and King's College London. Recent research from this group has demonstrated the potential physical and mental wellbeing benefits of rock and pop drumming in a range of populations including autism spectrum disorder. The successful candidate will conduct a programme of research investigating drumming as a physical activity intervention across a range of groups and special populations. The programme of work will be varied and will range from large survey work to physical activity monitoring. The aim is to produce evidence-based guidance and to support tutors to maximise the physical and mental health benefits of drumming. This position would suit a driven individual, willing to travel for data collection, with a passion for exercise, physical activity and health. A passion and interest in drumming and music is desirable but not essential.

For more information or for an initial discussion, please contact: Prof. Steve Draper: [Stephen.Draper@Hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:Stephen.Draper@Hartpury.ac.uk)

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to become part of vibrant postgraduate community in an idyllic rural setting, with world leading facilities and undertaking impactful cutting-edge research. The University of the West of England is the awarding body for this degree.

Studentships comprise of tuition fees and a stipend of GBP £19,237 per annum tenable for 3 years. Alongside their research projects, successful candidates will be asked (as a condition of their stipend) to deliver up to 7 hours per week teaching or research support within the University.

#### **PhD Studentship Selection Criteria:**

Please demonstrate the following criteria in your CV and/or covering letter:

- Essential. Undergraduate degree or MSc in a field relating to the project
- Essential. Data collection and analysis skills

- Desirable. Skill/experience of working with others in a research setting and/or industry experience
- Ability/willingness to travel for data collection and dissemination of results

**Candidates should also be aware of the following:**

The normal expectation is that applicants will hold at least a 2:1 degree or a Masters qualification from a UK university or a degree of comparable standing from a university outside the UK. The candidate's degree relevant to the studentship should demonstrate their potential for physical activity research or alternative evidence of research aptitude.

Applicants whose first language is not English require a recognized English language qualification. The minimum entry requirement is GCSE English at grade C or above or IELTS score 7.0 or TOEFL score 600 (or demonstrable equivalent).

**Applying for a PhD studentship**

To apply for a PhD studentship you must send the following documents to RKE.Administrator@hartpury.ac.uk:

- A curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages)
- Copies of academic transcripts
- A covering letter outlining your suitability for the studentship
- Your undergraduate or postgraduate dissertation or another relevant piece of research you have completed or contributed to.
- If English is not your first language, certification of English language qualification

Applications that do not arrive by Midnight (UK time) on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 will not be considered.

If your application is selected, you will be invited for interview on 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. All applicants must ensure their availability on this date.

**Key Dates:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Deadline for submission of applications
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Interview invitations sent to shortlisted candidates\*
- 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Interviews at Hartpury\*
- 31 July 2024: Deadline for accepting studentship
- September 2024: Studentship begins

\*Please note that by submitting an application you are confirming your availability to attend an interview on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.

**We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

**We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.**

Hartpury values a diverse workforce and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

