

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCHERS IN MEN'S HEALTH

The Institute for Health and Wellbeing at Leeds Metropolitan University, UK, is seeking enthusiastic innovative researchers with formulated project ideas to join it for 1-2 years in the discipline of Men's Health. www.leedsmet.ac.uk/research/institute-for-health-and-wellbeing.htm

Written proposals are sought of 500 words from researchers either resident in the European Union or outside. The best two applications will each win a prize of 500 Euros towards the cost of developing a Marie Curie Fellowship funding bid. The European Union has just published the latest Marie Curie funding call. This scheme enables researchers to move across Europe to undertake projects and funds all costs – living allowance, costs of relocating & research costs.

Bringing together a range of related disciplines and research experts, the Institute exists to foster the generation of research in specific areas relating to the health status of individuals, communities and nations. Men's health is an area of particular research strength.

Men's Health

Under the leadership of Professor Alan White, the area of men's health has an enthusiastic team of experts, researchers and students taking forward a wide range of research and initiatives. It has an outstanding world-wide reputation and offers a unique research environment in which to host Fellowships. We are at the forefront internationally in this emerging field through our two main themes "Men and Public Health" and "Men and Ill-health". See - www.leedsmet.ac.uk/hss/research_centre_for_mens_health.htm

Key recent studies include:

- The State of Men's Health in Europe Report for the European Commission
- Social marketing and men's health
- Men and cancer including men's experiences of penile cancer

The team work closely with national and international bodies and has strong links across the University – for instance to experts on sport, nutrition and obesity – and externally: Leeds is home to the largest teaching hospital in Europe and we have strong connections with local and national sports clubs and organisations.

We are keen to attract researchers who are dedicated to the analysis of gender and health. Researchers can undertake study on a wide range of topics including:

1. Masculinity, gender and health related behaviour
2. Men's experiences of health and ill-health
3. Health promotion and men's health; men and self-care
4. Gendered epidemiology
5. Men's health in non-traditional health settings (sport, workplace, community)

Research Fellowship Opportunities

Research is an integral part of our University life and we have a vibrant research culture which resonates internationally. In addition to the Marie Curie funding **successful Research Fellows** will receive:

- Opportunities to study with world experts and researchers
- Direct Professorial supervision of their project/area of work
- Support from our research office with your relocation to Leeds in the UK

More about us and how to apply

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Alan (a.white@leedsmet.ac.uk) or Steve (s.s.robertson@leedsmet.ac.uk) who can also provide the proposal form for you to complete.

Further Information

MARIE CURIE FELLOWSHIPS

If you live in the EU and wish to apply, you may be interested in the Intra-European Fellowship (IEF) for Career Development which is for researchers to move from one EU or FP7 associated country to another for 1-2 years. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/who_en.html#countries

For researchers based outside Europe the International Incoming Fellowship (IIF) supports researchers to work in an EU Member State. The EU deadline for applications is 16th August 2012.

The deadline for receipt of your proposal is noon on Wednesday 27th June 2012. The two successful researchers will then receive assistance from Leeds Metropolitan University to prepare and submit their Marie Curie application.

Professor Alan White and Professor Steve Robertson

Professor Alan White, founder and co-Director of the Centre for Men's Health led the first ever analysis of the state of men's health across 34 European countries for the European Commission (2011). Other key works include: Scoping Study on Men's Health for the Department of Health; Excess Burden of Cancer in Men in the UK with National Cancer Intelligence Network and Cancer Research UK. His research also includes men's experiences of illness including coronary heart disease, diabetes, prostate cancer and penile cancer; and the evaluation of the national pilots for Self Care. He is Chair of the Men's Health Forum, Regional Editor for Europe on the Journal of Men's Health, is on the Editorial Board of Trends in Urology and Men's Health and the International Journal of Men's Health.

His fellow co-Director, Professor Steve Robertson, is one the world's leading experts on masculinity and its application to health and illness. His key work includes: masculinity and disability; the sociology of (male) bodies; fathers and fatherhood; men, masculinity and mental well-being; evaluating men's health programmes and men's engagement with health services. He works with fellow academics, policy makers and practitioners from Australia, USA and Canada and is Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Men's Health*. He has acted as a consultant on gender and men's health to the UK Department of Health and to WHO (Europe).

Studying with Leeds Metropolitan University

- Leeds Metropolitan University has over 100 years' of quality teaching experience
- Our programmes are delivered by leading practitioners with strong links to industries and the professions - many are world-renowned authorities in their fields
- Rated top UK university for language support, accommodation and learning spaces in the 2010 International Student Barometer

Living in Leeds

- Leeds is brimming with cultural interest (opera, ballet, stately homes, galleries, museums and theatres) and with its wide range of shops is a national retail destination. It has a thriving, varied nightlife and outstanding sporting facilities
- We have some of the UK's best university accommodation & can help find the right option for you
- We have a lively international student community from many countries across the globe

See: www.leedsmet.ac.uk/life/leeds-yorkshire.htm