Research in Care Ethics

Faculty of Wellbeing Education and Language Studies (WELS)

Call for doctoral projects starting in October 2027

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Project description

Project Type

This is a PhD project

Please note that a research proposal aligned with this research project will be required from applicants in addition to an application form.

School

Health, Wellbeing and Social Care

Unit

Health and Social Care

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Aim

The recruitment of doctoral students undertaking original and innovative research in care ethics will make a vital contribution to the overall project of

developing care ethics research at the Open University. Any students recruited for this project will play an important part in the development of the proposed research interdisciplinary research.

Methodology

Research in care ethics at the University draws on a wide diversity of qualitative methodological approaches from different disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, including interview studies, ethnography and textual analysis. We are open to considering applications that draw on a diversity of methodological approaches, and particularly those that propose to use innovative or creative research methods, as well as those that combine theoretical analysis with application to care practice.

Contribution

We would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates who are interested in pursuing doctoral research in any aspect of care ethics, in any relevant discipline. We are particularly interested in proposals that draw on the theory of care ethics, or virtue ethics in care, those that take an interdisciplinary approach, and those that have an application to developing and improving care practice. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a familiarity with existing research in care ethics and the potential to make an original contribution to the further development of this emerging field of study.


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