

**Research Fellow (Qualitative)
Health & Social Legacy of 2012 Olympic Games (Ref:11198/JS)**

**Healthy Environments Research Programme
School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join a major NIHR-funded study to evaluate the health and social impact of the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. We are seeking a dynamic and motivated researcher with strong qualitative research skills and a background in social science research.

This is an opportunity to be involved in a high profile, long-term project which aims to investigate the social, economic and health legacy of the 2012 Games.

The post is available full-time and fixed-term for 3 years, commencing on 1 January 2012. The starting salary is £30,350 to £35,674 per annum, inclusive of London Allowance. Benefits include 30 days annual leave, final salary pension scheme and interest-free season ticket loan.

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We are looking for an experienced social science researcher to join the Healthy Environments Research Programme, School of Geography at Queen Mary University of London. The postholder will join the ORiEL (Olympic Regeneration in East London) Study funded by the National Institute for Health Research. The post involves setting up and conducting interviews and ethnographic observation of young people in their homes and neighbourhoods with a view to building an understanding of how the London 2012 Olympics and its legacy affects those who live nearby. The postholder will also be responsible for analysis of the data and writing up findings for internal and external outputs.

The postholder will be expected to liaise with other members of the ORiEL team, build links with schools and third-sector partners, attend and make presentations to the steering group, and assist with all relevant aspects of the ORiEL project across participating departments and organisations. This will involve maintaining paperwork and helping arrange meetings within and between research teams where necessary.

Working with Professor Steven Cummins and Professor Trisha Greenhalgh, you will collaborate with a wider team of senior investigators, research fellows, postdoctoral researchers and students at Queen Mary within the School of Geography, Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Centre for Psychiatry, and external senior researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the University of East London.

You will have a good first degree in a relevant subject (such as sociology, social policy, nursing, human geography or urban studies), plus a PhD or equivalent experience which includes a substantial qualitative research component that demonstrates relevant knowledge and skills. Good verbal and written skills, including the ability to understand and convey complex information are essential, as is a flexible working approach and well-developed interpersonal skills.

Experience of research into the lives of young people using a qualitative approach, undertaking ethnography and experience of working in a multidisciplinary team are also important. Fluency in a relevant ethnic language spoken in Newham (mainly South Asian or Francophone Africa) would be an advantage.

The School of Geography was ranked joint first among UK geography departments in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, has an international reputation for theoretically informed and empirically grounded scientific research.

The Healthy Environments Research Programme is a rapidly expanding research group focused on understanding the social and environmental determinants of health. Further information on HERP can be found here: <http://webspace.qmul.ac.uk/healthyenvironments/index.html>. Informal enquiries can be made to Professor Steven Cummins (email: s.c.j.cummins@qmul.ac.uk).

Candidates must be able to demonstrate their eligibility to work in the UK in accordance with the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006.

Where required, this may include entry clearance or continued leave to remain under the Points Based Immigration System.

Application forms and further details are available from the school website at: www.geog.qmul.ac.uk or by mail at School of Geography, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS, United Kingdom. Alternatively please visit <http://webapps.qmul.ac.uk/hr/vacancies/jobs.php?id=2539>

Completed applications (together with a full CV) should be sent to Dr Amy Tan, Research & Teaching Officer, by email at a.tan@qmul.ac.uk or at the above address. Deadline for receipt of applications is 21 September 2011. Please quote the relevant reference number in all applications.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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