



The Opportunity and the Candidate

The **Sustainable Housing & Urban Studies Unit (SHUSU)** at the University of Salford seeks a **fellow to host through the MSCA Individual fellowships (IF) scheme** (deadline for applications September 2017).

The Fellow should have a PhD or at least four years full-time equivalent research experience at the time of the deadline. Candidates with a background in applied social research, a PhD or track record of research in at least one area of in which the research group is active:

- Housing & Neighbourhoods
- Migration & Integration
- Sustainability & Society
- Work & Welfare

The candidate can be any nationality but must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the UK for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.

The Research Group

Established in 1996, the Sustainable Housing & Urban Studies Unit (SHUSU) is a multidisciplinary research group at the University of Salford hosted within the Centre for Applied Research in Health, Welfare and Policy (CARE). SHUSU seeks to understand complex social issues and work towards social justice and environmental sustainability within the urban environment. SHUSU are actively engaged in research that highlights the processes, outcomes and impacts of marginalisation on individuals and communities.

The work of SHUSU reflects the complex and interconnected challenges faced by contemporary society. These challenges include ensuring fair access to housing, equitable welfare systems and services, population mobility, positive social relations within communities, ageing populations, environmental sustainability and inclusive growth. These are pressing issues within a UK context and are also significant on the global scale, with their effects felt by actors at a number of levels. To help address these issues, there is a growing need for robust evidence that is closely connected to practitioners, decision-makers and policymakers and also grounded in the lived experiences of people.

SHUSU brings together internationally renowned researchers as part of a multidisciplinary team. Our expertise is drawn from social policy, sociology, urban geography, housing management, psychology, sustainability, health, social care and social work. Our work offers robust theoretical and evidence-based approaches through which we generate knowledge and provide significant insights about contemporary society.

SHUSU has an internationally recognised profile and our approach is underpinned by the principles of collaboration, coproduction and critical analysis. We produce high-quality academic outputs as well as more accessible policy- and practice based outputs. We welcome and engage in knowledge exchange and dialogue and thrive on providing the space to allow innovative ideas to develop and



new responses to be formulated. Coupled with principles of rigorous research practice, we aim to support the development of positive changes in the urban environment.

SHUSU provides a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic environment for researchers, who work alongside our core research team to deliver projects that facilitate the practical application of knowledge.

The University of Salford

Located in Greater Manchester, The University of Salford has 19,000 students, including nearly 3,000 international students and is widely regarded as one of the UK's leading enterprise universities - particularly famous for its links with industry, commerce and the arts. We are rated one of the top ten HEIs in the UK for teaching quality and also in the North West region.

The University offers opportunities to support researchers to get the most out of their research careers, aiming to continuously improve its provision for researcher career development. Our researchers experience a diverse range of career routes, and the University aims to improve research career development reflecting of this diversity and taking into account the various pathways for the career development of the Salford Researcher.

In 2010, the University of Salford received the European Commission HR in Excellence Award in recognition of the University's commitment to supporting researchers and their career development as outlined in the 2010 Concordat Implementation Plan and the resources below. In 2014 the University was one of the first tranche of organisations to receive this award for a second year period following a review of progress against the original 4 year plan, and an updated action plan for 2014-2018.

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