



PhD Studentships at the North West Doctoral Training Centre

The North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC) is one of 21 ESRC-funded doctoral training centres in social sciences in the UK. Liverpool, Manchester and Lancaster, the members of the NWDTC, are guaranteed a total of 63 new PhD studentships each year to support research and training at doctoral level. Studentships are available across the full range of social science disciplines including **social statistics / demography**. A minimum of ten annual studentships are allocated to PhD projects researching or applying **advanced quantitative methods** (AQM).

Students with a first class undergraduate or master's degree in social sciences or statistics / mathematics who are interested to pursue postgraduate research in any area of **population studies / demography** and willing to learn and apply **advanced quantitative methods** in their research are encouraged to send their CV and a brief outline of their research project (max four pages) to Dr. Hill Kulu (hill.kulu@liverpool.ac.uk) by **28th December 2012**.

The deadline for PhD studentship applications to the NWDTC is **4th February 2013**. Candidates will be informed about the outcome of their applications by the end of March 2013 and successful applicants are expected to start their PhD studies in October 2013. A full PhD award for projects using AQM provides: 1) payment of approved tuition fees to the relevant institution; 2) a maintenance grant of £16,590 per year; and 3) a research training support grant of £1,000 per year. **Overseas** and **EU students** using AQM in their PhD projects are eligible for a full award. For further details, please see:

<http://www.nwdtc.ac.uk/index.html>

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/guidance/postgraduates/index.aspx>.