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Institution/Division	Global Development, Politics and Sociology, School of Education and Communities, University of East London
Funding Period	Sep 2021- Sep 2024
Stipend	This studentship is funded by the ESRC UBEL DTP (UCL, Bloomsbury and East London Doctoral Training Partnership in collaboration with World Vision International. This studentship will provide a stipend for 3 years in line with UK Research and Innovation (Research Council) rates, payment of university tuition fees, and a Research and Training and Support Grant (RTSG) to support the project
How to Apply	Please send your CV and a personal statement to support your application for this studentship to Dr Kathryn Kraft: k.kraft@uel.ac.uk
PhD Title	Family Types and Family Diversity in Child Nurture for Holistic Community Development
The Studentship	<p>The role of faith, and religion in development is a rapidly growing and evolving field. There is growing recognition of the importance of considering the spiritual dimensions of individual, social and community change. World Vision has invested heavily in developing interventions that take participants on what they describe as a “journey of transformation” to prepare them to take a proactive and productive approach to their own development in various areas including livelihoods, nutrition, water and hygiene, and education.</p> <p>One of these interventions, “Celebrating Families”, focuses on the intersection of faith and family values, and has been found effective in equipping parents and caregivers with skills and sensitivity to support their children’s well-being. However, the curriculum of Celebrating Families has only been tested in a limited number of contexts, and though popular in various religious contexts relies heavily on Christian Biblical content.</p> <p>The concept of “family values” is in particular contentious and in many narratives associated with patriarchal and restrictive family structures, and yet participants in Celebrating Families have found the concept to be empowering and an enabler for various facets of child well-being.</p> <p>This PhD studentship will work with World Vision International to develop a project that builds an evidence base contributing to the knowledge base regarding religions and development by exploring the intersection between faith, religion, spirituality, family values, and child well-being using Celebrating Families as a case study. The student will be encouraged to consider how these principles apply in a variety of different settings, with different family structures and/or in different religious contexts. The PhD may look at these concepts within a particular sector of development (such as health or sanitation), in an emergency humanitarian or migration crisis or a more stable setting, and with any of a variety of different religious communities.</p>
Key Requirements	<p>Master’s qualification (or to have completed their Masters by September 2021) in an appropriate discipline and a minimum of a strong 2:1. Strong candidates without a Master’s qualification may be considered to begin in an MSc programme in September 2021 and proceed to the PhD the following year. All applicants are required to have excellent written and verbal communication skills. They should also be willing to work collaboratively in multi-disciplinary and multi-professional teams</p> <p>Please also refer to the DTP eligibility webpage for academic entry requirements: https://ubel-dtp.ac.uk/eligibility/eligibility-2/</p>

Further Details	You are encouraged to contact Dr Kathryn Kraft, k.kraft@uel.ac.uk , for an informal discussion about the project and your proposal before submitting an application via the online system.
Closing Date	March 1, 2021
Latest time for Submission	5 pm.
Details for Submission	Following the interview on March 10, the selected applicant will be asked to make a full application on the UBEL online system by April 2.
Interview date	March 10, 2021