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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 GlobalOne. 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 Meera Tiwari: m.tiwari@uel.ac.uk
PhD Title	Dignity, gender and period poverty: approaches to improving menstrual health outcomes
The Studentship	<p>Improving menstrual health (MH) outcomes is situated within the global challenges of inequalities of opportunities experienced by females. The domains of inequality include education, health, wellbeing, wider society (Criado Perez, 2019) and the fundamental right of women to manage their menses with dignity and safety, which has yet to be achieved in countries of the global North and South (Plan International UK, 2018; Karki and Espinosa, 2018). Further, better MH outcomes are directly linked to achieving several of the Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs), including Goal 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all), Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), and Goal 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all) (UNDESA, 2015).</p> <p>This PhD student will work with the Global One Team and the UEL supervisory team to undertake research that will critically examine the different approaches to addressing poor menstrual health outcomes and period poverty in recent years. The primary focus of this project will be the UK but some international case studies that adopt dignity focused strategies to improve menstrual health will also be included. The studentship will contribute to the global body of literature on menstrual health that spans the spectrum of it being a hygienic and women's concern to being part of the holistic health and wellbeing and why it should be a societal concern.</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. 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 Meera Tiwari, m.tiwari@uel.ac.uk , for an informal discussion about the project and your proposal before submitting an application via the online system.
Closing Date	February 24, 2021
Latest time for Submission	5 pm.
Details for Submission	Following the interview on March 3, the selected applicant will be asked to make a full application on the UBEL online system by April 2.
Interview date	March 3, 2021