

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-03-2025-1			
Faculty:	Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Department:	School of Law and Criminology
Lead Supervisor:	Dr Madeline Petrillo		
Project Title:	Healing Spaces: How trauma-informed design can inform social justice		
Project Description:	<p>This project is an investigation into the potentiality of trauma-informed (TI) design in therapeutic, educational, and justice settings to enhance wellbeing and justice outcomes.</p> <p>TI approaches have been adopted in fields as varied as social services, prisons, youth justice, housing, healthcare, and education. They are increasingly recognised as best practice in addressing social and community problems. The space in which clients access services is an important component of TI practice, however, there is no existing cross-disciplinary research that examines how TI space is conceptualised and materialised in social, justice, and healthcare settings. This project will address this gap in the TI practice research.</p> <p>Aims: Recognising that space, place and personhood are co-constituted, this project aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. identify how we create spaces which enable (vulnerable) people and societies, to heal.</li><li>2. bring diverse disciplines (criminology, geography, and design) together to produce an interdisciplinary, intersectional understanding of the connections between trauma, space, and social justice</li><li>3. explain how TI approaches are affected by spatial organisation and produce empirical evidence on best practice related to spatial considerations for TI projects, thereby developing a theory of trauma-informed design</li></ol> <p>We are seeking creative and enthusiastic applicants from a range of backgrounds who hold a first or strong upper second-class honours undergraduate and Masters degree. Experience or knowledge of qualitative research methods is desirable, as is experience of carrying out work or research with people who experience marginalisation.</p>		
	Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study	
<b>Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):</b> Year 1: £20,780 (FT), Year 2 & 3: In line with UKRI rate			
In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home rate currently £4,925 (FT), for the duration of their scholarship. <b>International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee for the duration of their scholarship.</b>			

Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:	
Criteria:	E or D
<b>Education and Training:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class, First Division (Upper Second Class) honours degree or a taught master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, if your programme falls within the faculty of Engineering and Science a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in all elements of the test or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required. Unless the degree above was taught in English <b>and</b> obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA.</li> </ul>	E
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous experience of undertaking independent research (e.g. undergraduate or taught master's dissertation)</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to work independently</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to manage competing deadlines</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of Trauma informed approaches</li> </ul>	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience of conducting empirical, qualitative research</li> </ul>	D
<b>Personal Attributes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully</li> </ul>	E
<b>Other Requirements:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA</li> </ul>	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scholarship must commence before: end of October 2025</li> </ul>	E
<b>Closing date for applications:</b>	<b>12 May 2025</b>
<b>For further information contact:</b>	<b>m.r.petrillo@gre.ac.uk</b>
<b>Making an application:</b> Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: <a href="https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process">https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process</a> . Applications need to be made online via this link. <b>No other form of application will be considered.</b>  All applications <b>must include</b> the following information. <b>Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.</b>	

- **Scholarship Reference Number (Ref: VCS-FLAS-03-2025-1)**– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- **a CV including 2 referees \***
- **academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTS/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency \***

*\*upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.*

Before submitting your application, you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above.