

Sexuality and sexual health

Doctoral Study

The Thomas Coram Research Unit (TCRU) is an internationally renowned, dynamic and multi-disciplinary research unit based at the Institute of Education, University of London. It offers high quality doctoral and post-doctoral supervision. Within the Unit there is a substantial team of researchers with expertise in the field of sexuality and sexual health. For 2009-10, this team is looking to offer doctoral supervision to people interested in the following topics:

- Young people's experiences of sexuality and sexual health; and
- Ethnographies of sexuality and gender related to sexual health (including HIV).

The team includes Paul Boyce, Felicity Thomas, Claire Maxwell, and Ian Warwick.

Paul Boyce has undertaken ethnographic research on male-to-male sexuality in India and has worked internationally on gender, sexuality, sexual health and HIV prevention.

Claire Maxwell has specialised in research on young men's and women's experiences of intimate (sexual) relationships in England, and has experience of sexual health and teenage pregnancy policy, and service development at both local and national levels.

Felicity Thomas has undertaken research on the impacts of HIV and AIDS on livelihoods, vulnerability and social support networks in southern Africa, and has a particular interest in indigenous understandings of illness and treatment seeking in Africa and amongst migrant communities in the UK.

Ian Warwick has undertaken research on homophobia and homophobic bullying in secondary schools in England. He has also conducted training on lifeskills and HIV/AIDS with practitioners and policy-makers in Europe and Africa.

Funding your doctoral studies

TCRU welcomes applications from students with a strong academic background (first or upper second class degree), who are self-funding or who wish to apply for support from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and other funding bodies.

Currently, the Institute of Education is awarded an annual quota of 1+3 (4 year) studentship grants by the ESRC. In order to meet the ESRC application deadline in early 2010, we would like to hear from interested doctoral students **as soon as possible**.

For further information about the Thomas Coram Research Unit, please visit our website: www.ioe.ac.uk/tcru. The ESRC website provides details of the ESRC and joint ESRC/MRC Studentship schemes: www.esrc.ac.uk.

If you would like more information or would like to informally discuss the possibility of joining TCRU as a doctoral student, please contact Felicity Thomas via email: f.thomas@ioe.ac.uk.