School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment
Smart Textiles for Mental Wellbeing

Lead: Dr Sarah Kettley

This project will complement the exciting technical work being undertaken by Professor Dias and his team, bringing user centred and designerly ways of thinking to the development of new applications of smart textiles for mental wellbeing. A national need has been identified for designers to engage with technology as it is increasingly adopted by the NHS within mental health care services, and for all wellbeing services, including the third sector, to engage with the vision of a 'network of things'. The project will map practices in mental wellbeing for design, and will engage service users, clinicians and practitioners in participatory design processes of smart textiles and sensory environments which enable human communication.

Entry requirement
Applicants for MPhil or PhD should normally have a minimum of a first or second-class degree or a Masters degree in a relevant discipline.

Award
The studentships will pay UK/EU fees and provide a maintenance stipend linked to the RCUK rate (currently £13,726 per annum) for up to three years. Applications from non-EU students are welcome, but a successful candidate would be responsible for paying the difference between non-EU and UK/EU fees. (Fees for 2013/14 are £11,600 for non-EU students and £3,900 for UK/EU students).

Eligibility
Applications can be accepted from UK/EU and also International students. The minimum English language proficiency requirement for candidates who have not undertaken a higher degree at a UK HE institution is an overall IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.5 with minimum sub-scores of 6.0 in all component sections (writing, reading, listening and speaking) or an overall TOEFL score of 94-95 (internet based – IBT) with a minimum score of 22 in each of the four components.

Applying
For informal enquiries about the studentship, please contact Dr Sarah Kettley » (email sarah.kettley@ntu.ac.uk or telephone 0115 8484581).

To download an application pack, please visit the Graduate School website.

Please return completed application forms, with copies of academic certificates, to:
gradschool@ntu.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 09:00 Friday 24 January 2014. Application by CV only will not be accepted.