

Department of Social Statistics and Demography

Fully funded MSc/PhD Studentships within the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (ESRC)

The Department of Social Statistics and Demography at the University of Southampton is seeking PhD students to apply to the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (SCDTP). The department can supervise candidates across the full range of demographic research including [family and social demography](#), [population/global health](#), [demographic and migration modelling](#), as well as in [statistical methodology applied to social sciences and official statistics](#).

Prospective candidates will be eligible to apply for the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (SCDTP) which offers fully funded doctoral studentships. These opportunities include:

- 1+3.5 MSc+PhD, including a Research-in-Practice placement
- +3.5 PhD, including a Research-in-Practice placement
- +4.5 Interdisciplinary award, including a Research-in-Practice placement

Students wishing to carry out their studies by distance learning are not eligible for this funding. For queries about a distance learning PhD, please contact Dr Liliana Andriano: L.Andriano@soton.ac.uk.

The Department of Social Statistics and Demography provides an excellent research environment. It is a leading centre for demographic research and research in survey and official statistics in the UK. Our academic staff specialise in a wide range of substantive and methodological areas, for instance, **family demography, fertility, population/global health, sexual and reproductive health, disability, adolescence and youth, time use and well-being, climate and environmental demography, transition to adulthood, statistical demography and statistical methodology applied to social science, including small-area estimation, online survey methodology and population projections**. Many of the faculty members are associated with the Centre for Population Change, which is an ESRC centre of research excellence, the National Centre for Research Methods, and the Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute. The Department has extensive research partnerships with national and local Government, the Office for National Statistics and many UN and third sector organisations, facilitating the potential impact of research for policy and practice.

For more details on the work of the Social Statistics and Demography department please see:

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For further details please see the South Coast DTP website:

<https://southcoastdtp.ac.uk/>

If you would like to discuss the PhD programme and how we might support your application for an SCDTP award, please contact Dr Liliana Andriano: L.Andriano@soton.ac.uk or look at the department website to identify a relevant [supervisor](#) and contact them directly.

The deadline for Academic Year 2027/28 applications is 16.00 (GMT) on 15th January 2027.