

**ESRC Funded PhD Research Studentship Opportunity within the School of Psychology,
University of Plymouth**

Investigating the differing role of vowels and consonants in language

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Applications are invited for a three year fully funded studentship to start in January 2011.

Project Description

Recently there has been growing evidence in support of distinctive roles for consonants and vowels in language processing, with consonants giving cues on lexical information whereas vowels play a more important role for syntax and prosody.

This PhD position is supported by a 3 year joint ESRC/ANR Bilateral grant held between the Universities of Plymouth and Paris Descartes, designed to investigate this language processing disparity in a cross-linguistic study of English and French. This studentship provides the opportunity to expand upon the main project by exploring this area of research using adult behavioural, developmental, and neuroscience paradigms. The student would have the full support and training from of the highly active Plymouth Babylab and EEG/ERP Lab, and would benefit from close collaboration with the main project both in both Plymouth and Paris. This also provides the opportunity for regular visits to Paris to investigate the cross-linguistic implications of the differing roles of vowel and consonants in English and French.

Funding Details

The studentship will cover Home/EU fees and pay an annual stipend of £13,590 per annum for three years. The position is open to UK citizens and EU citizens who have been resident or studied in the UK for 3 years. For full eligibility requirements see <http://www.esrc.ac.uk>.

Eligibility

Candidates should have a first or upper second class honours degree in Psychology or a related area. Applicants with a relevant MSc or MRes would be particularly welcome.

How to Apply

For an informal discussion on the project please contact Caroline Floccia (email: caroline.floccia@plymouth.ac.uk)

For an application form and full details on how to apply, please visit www.plymouth.ac.uk/postgraduate or contact Catherine Johnson (email: catherine.johnson@plymouth.ac.uk)

Applications can be sent direct to Miss Catherine Johnson (email: catherine.johnson@plymouth.ac.uk), Faculty of Science & Technology Research Office, University of Plymouth, Rm A103 Portland Square, Plymouth, PL4 8AA.

Closing Date: 15th November 2010

Interviews will be held during the week of the 22nd of November.
Applicants who have not received an offer of a place by the end of November 2010 should consider that their application has been unsuccessful.