

## Research Project Proforma (School of Medicine)

<b>Research Title:</b>	The association of education with musculoskeletal pain
<b>Keywords (up to 5)</b>	Education; Pain; Socio-economic position; Life course
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<b>Type of projects offered (delete as appropriate)</b>	Studentship (4-8 weeks)

### **(1) Outline the broad aims of your research (max 150 words):**

My research focus is the epidemiology of musculoskeletal conditions in primary care. I am particularly interested in the influence of life course events, using measures of socio-economic position such as education, on musculoskeletal pain in older adults, since education has been linked previously to adult osteoarthritis and back pain. Aims of my work include describing the prevalence, incidence, associations and life course socio-economic position trajectories of pain in primary care populations. Data is available from cross-sectional and cohort studies.

**(2) Indicate the skills/techniques the student will learn (max 100 words)**

Literature review; critical appraisal; data handling; data analysis; academic writing.

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