

Project proposal template

Graduate School studentships

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<i>Project title</i>	<input type="text" value="Internal migration patterns and flows between lifestyle areas in England and Wales"/>	
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Project summary (max 4,000 characters)

Internal migration processes remain important in contemporary society despite the media and policy makers' primary focus on international migration. Internal migration as a means of population redistribution has the potential to reinvigorate and sustain the vitality of neighbourhoods or to consign them to further demographic decline. Internal migration operates at different geographical scales, regional, local authority and neighbourhood, and is likely to occur in different socio-cultural groups to variable extents when viewed from lifestyle and life-course perspectives.

Internal migration events have been recorded as a change of address by individuals within the 12 month period prior to census day at each of the last four British Censuses. This information has been used to produce data that record flows of people between residential origins and destinations at different geographical scales and for consistent geographical units. This project combines this information with other data sources, including lifestyle and morphological area classifications, in order to examine patterns of consistent and intermittent internal migration flows between urban and rural areas.

Possible research questions include:

1. How persistent have flows of internal migrants been over the last Population Censuses in England and Wales?
2. How are different types of lifestyle area connected with the persistence and intermittence of internal migration?

Do lifestyle and life course factors influence internal migration in among different socio-cultural groups in similar ways?

