

HMP Wandsworth PhD placement opportunity

This is an exciting opportunity to work with leading prison scholars, Professors Nick Hardwick and Rosie Meek, on a unique placement in partnership with HMP Wandsworth, a large men's prison in South West London. The most recent inspectorate report of HMP Wandsworth gives further information about this establishment: [Report on an unannounced inspection of HMP Wandsworth by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons 13 and 20-24 September 2021 \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmip/reports-and-publications/2021/13-and-20-24-September-2021/)

Previous experience of working in a prison environment is not essential, but applicants should be willing to spend time engaging with staff and prisoners. The role will involve a combination of desk-based research, using existing data, and working in the prison, supporting the governor and her team at HMP Wandsworth in their data collection and analysis processes.

The project aims to explore staff experiences of and attitudes towards working at HMP Wandsworth, with a particular focus on what motivates people to work at HMP Wandsworth and how they can best be supported in their roles. To this end, we seek a PhD student with a background in either Criminology, organisational/clinical/forensic Psychology or Management, but others with relevant experience will also be considered.

You will gain valuable insight into and experience of working in a prison environment, with the opportunity to work with Professors Meek and Hardwick in their impactful research shaping prison policy and practice.

The placement will ideally start by 1 March 2023, or soon after, and can be undertaken full-time for 3 months - or part-time equivalent.

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