



Research In Care Ethics

Faculty of Wellbeing Education
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Call for doctoral projects starting in October 2026

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Project description

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Health, Wellbeing and Social Care

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Aim

The broad aim of this project is to establish The Open University as a centre for research in care ethics, through the development of an interdisciplinary, cross-faculty research network, the promotion and expansion of existing research in care ethics within the University, and the recruitment and support of doctoral students.

Methodology

Methodologically plural and open, drawing on a range of approaches grounded in the theory of care ethics and virtue ethics.

Contribution

The project will establish The Open University as a recognised and vibrant centre for research in care ethics, leading to UK-wide conferences and a variety of joint publications.

Website

No direct website as yet, but Prof Robb's Careful Thinking podcast and Substack newsletter are of relevant interest:

<https://careful-thinking.captivate.fm/>

<https://carefulthinking.substack.com/>

PhD/EdD/DHSC project

We would like to invite applications from any suitably qualified candidate who is interested in pursuing doctoral research in any aspect of care ethics, in any relevant discipline. We are particularly interested in proposals that draw on the theory of care ethics, or virtue ethics in care, those that take an interdisciplinary approach, and those that have an application to developing and improving care practice.



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