PERSON SPECIFICATION

The person specification identifies the qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience needed to undertake the PhD effectively. Applicants should show clearly in their application how they meet the essential criteria.

Requirement	E/D	Criteria
Education and qualifications	**Essential**	• A first or upper second-class undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline such as psychology, sociology, nutrition, dietetics, public health, health sciences or life sciences.
		• A relevant master's degree completed or expected by the start date. Relevant fields may include psychology, nutrition, dietetics, public health, health sciences, life sciences, or a closely related area.
		• Eligibility for Home fee status under the University of Roehampton's fee-status rules. Applicants liable for international fees are not eligible for this studentship.
Education and qualifications	**Desirable**	• Additional training or qualifications relevant to qualitative research, evidence synthesis, nutrition, mental health or public health.
Knowledge and skills	**Essential**	• Knowledge of qualitative research methods, such as conducting interviews or focus groups, developing topic guides, and/or analysing qualitative data.
		• Understanding of qualitative research principles, including ethical research practice, reflexivity and the importance of grounding interpretations in participant accounts.
		• Ability to communicate clearly in writing and verbally, and to present complex ideas in an organised and accessible way.
		• Ability to plan work, meet deadlines, manage research tasks and seek guidance when needed.
		• Ability to develop and submit an ethics application for their doctoral research, with guidance from the supervisory team.
		• Ability to work independently while also collaborating constructively with supervisors, research colleagues and international partners.
		• A strong interest in nutrition and mental health, and in the social, cultural, professional or organisational factors that

		shape research translation and implementation.
Knowledge and skills	**Desirable**	• Experience with thematic analysis, framework analysis or another systematic approach to qualitative analysis.
		• Experience with systematic reviews or other forms of evidence synthesis.
		• Ability to speak more than one language, particularly a language relevant to BEETHOVEN partner countries. Multilingual ability is desirable, not essential.
		• Familiarity with stakeholder engagement, public involvement or research concerning health services, policy or guideline development.
Experience	**Essential**	• Demonstrated experience of independently conducting qualitative research as part of a master's thesis or equivalent research project, including participant data collection and analysis.
Experience	**Desirable**	• Experience recruiting or engaging health professionals, service leaders, policy or public-health stakeholders, community groups or people with lived experience.
		• Experience working in an interdisciplinary, international or collaborative research environment.
		• Relevant research outputs, such as a dissertation, report, conference presentation or publication.
Other requirements	**Essential**	• Commitment to ethical, inclusive and responsible research practice.
		• Willingness to participate in doctoral training, supervisory and project meetings, and collaboration across disciplines and countries.
		• Ability to undertake any travel required for approved project meetings or research activities, subject to University arrangements.
Other requirements	**Desirable**	• Interest in developing a research career in nutrition and mental health, public health, qualitative health research or related field.