PhD project title
Enhancing group creativity through off-task breaks

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Project description
In an increasingly competitive world, it appears that working more does little to fill the productivity gap in UK industry. Recent research has shown that taking time away from that task-in-hand, as opposed to spending more time on the job, can positively affect performance. In this PhD project, the influence of off-task breaks on individual and group performance will be studied. The research aims to understand and identify ways in which employees can break up the working day with a view towards enhancing creativity and innovation.

PhD candidate profile
The PhD candidate should meet the following requirements:

- Be enthusiastic, well-organised and have good inter-personal skills.
- High motivation and a keen interest in the research area.
- A first degree that is equivalent to a UK classification of upper second class honours or above. In addition, a good masters level qualification of merit or above, with a minimum of 60 per cent in the dissertation, research project element or equivalent experience. We also accept an MBA from an accredited school where the candidate can demonstrate that a significant research element has been undertaken. For further information on entry requirements, please see: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/management/study/researchdegrees/howtoapply

Duration and start dates
Full or part time study for 3 or 6 years is available, and remote location study is also possible. We have two start dates a year for PhD students. Our preferred start date is 1 October, however we do recognise that not everyone will be able to commence studies at that time, so we also offer a second start date of 1 February. If you are unable to start in October or February, it may be also possible to start your PhD at a different time of the year.

Closing date for applications
Applications will be considered until a suitable candidate has been identified. For the 1 October start date, a full application must have been received by 15 July. For 1 February start date, a full application must have been received by 15 November.

How to apply
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For an informal discussion about this opportunity, please contact Dermot Breslin, at d.breslin@sheffield.ac.uk.