



Dr Shivani Sharma

Shivani Sharma graduated from the University of Hertfordshire with a first class honours degree in Psychology, and at the top of her class. She then went on to complete a PhD aimed at advancing a novel intervention to support families in coping with raising a young child with autism. She joined the University as a lecturer in 2009, and is currently Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) within the School of Life and Medical Sciences.

In 2010 she was awarded a Faculty Learning and Teaching Quality Enhancement Award. Alongside her academic role, Shivani is engaged in autism research, and more recently, studies into ethnicity and coping with chronic illness. She currently holds grants to the value of £323,000. Shivani is also a member of the research subcommittee of the National Black and Minority Ethnic Transplant Alliance (NBTA), and the National Centre for Universities and Business's (NCUB) '50 under 30' network.

Being the first to go to University in her family, Shivani believes that success in academia is attributable to self-motivation and a desire to learn. She also thinks that mentors play a big role in supporting Early Career Researchers.

Motto: 'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.'



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