

## Emla Fitzsimons Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Position

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### Education

1999-2004 PhD Economics, University College London  
Title: Essays on Education and Work Choices in Developing and Developed Economies  
1996-1997 Higher Diploma in Education (First Class Honours), University College Dublin  
1995-1996 Master of Arts in Economics (First Class Honours), University College Dublin  
1992-1995 Bachelor of Actuarial and Financial Studies (Second Class Honours), University College Dublin

### Publications

Andrew A, Attanasio O, **Fitzsimons E** and Rubio-Codina M. Why is multiple micronutrient powder ineffective at reducing anaemia among 12–24 month olds in Colombia? Evidence from a randomised controlled trial. *SSM - Population Health*, Volume 2, December 2016: 95–104.

Patalay P, **Fitzsimons, E**. Correlates of Mental Illness and Wellbeing in Children: Are they the same? Results from the UK Millennium Cohort Study. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*, 55(9): 771-783. doi:10.1016/j.jaac.2016.05.019

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**Fitzsimons E**, Malde B, Mesnard A, Mwansambo C and Vera-Hernández M. Nutrition, information and household behavior: Experimental evidence from Malawi. *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 122, September 2016: 113–126.

Fisher K, Chatzitheochari S, Gilbert E, Calderwood L, **Fitzsimons E**, Cleary A, Huskinson T and Gershuny J. A Mixed-Mode Approach to Measuring Young Peoples' Time Use in the UK Millennium Cohort Study. *Electronic International Journal of Time Use Research* 2015 12(1), 174-180.

Attanasio O, Augsburg B, de Haas R., **Fitzsimons E** and Harmgart H. Group lending or individual lending? Evidence from Mongolia, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2015 7(1): 90-122.

Dearden L, **Fitzsimons E**, Wyness G. The impact of higher education finance on university participation in the UK. *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 43, December 2014: 66–78.

Attanasio O, Fernández C, **Fitzsimons E**, Grantham-McGregor S, Meghir C and Rubio-Codina M. Using the infrastructure of a conditional cash transfer program to deliver a scalable integrated early child development program in Colombia: cluster randomized controlled trial. *BMJ* 2014; 349:g5785.

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**Fitzsimons E**, Malde B. Empirically probing the quantity-quality model. *Journal of Population Economics* 2013; 27(1): 33-68.

**Fitzsimons E**, Mesnard A. Can conditional cash transfers compensate for a father's absence? *The World Bank Economic Review* 2013; doi: 10.1093/wber/lht019.

Abramovsky L, Battistin E, **Fitzsimons E**, Goodman A, Simpson H. Providing employers with incentives to train low-skilled workers: evidence from the UK Employer Training pilots. *Journal of Labor Economics* 2011; 29(1): 153-193.

Attanasio O, **Fitzsimons E**, Gomez A, Gutiérrez MI, Meghir C, Mesnard A. Child education and work choices in the presence of a conditional cash transfer programme in rural Colombia. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 2010; 58(2): 181-210. [Lead Article]

**Fitzsimons E**, Vera-Hernandez, M. A Practitioner's Guide to Evaluating the Impacts of Labor Market Programs, *World Bank Employment Policy Primer* Issue No.12, December 2009.

Dearden L, **Fitzsimons E**, Goodman A, Kaplan G. Higher education funding reforms in England: the distributional effects and the shifting balance of costs. *Economic Journal* 2008; 118(526): F110-F125.

**Fitzsimons E**. The effects of risk on education in Indonesia. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 2007; 56(1): 1-25. [Lead Article]

### Working Papers

Attanasio O, Cattan C, **Fitzsimons E**, Meghir C, Rubio-Codina M. Estimating the Production Function for Human Capital: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in Colombia. NBER Working Paper No. w20965 (revise and resubmit).

Joshi H, **Fitzsimons E**. The UK Millennium Cohort Study: the making of a multi-purpose resource for social science and policy (revise and resubmit).

**Fitzsimons E**, Vera-Hernández M. Food for thought? Breastfeeding and child development. DQSS Working Paper 14-04, 2014 (revise and resubmit).

**Fitzsimons E**, Goodman A, Kelly E, Smith J. Poverty dynamics and parental mental health: Determinants of childhood mental health in the UK (revise and resubmit).

### Employment History

Jan 2012-Sept 2013	Co-Director, Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policy, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
Jan 2005-Dec 2011	Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
Jan 2004-Dec 2005	Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
May 2000-Dec 2003	Part-time Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
Sept 1998-Aug 1999	Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics, University College Dublin.
Sept 1997-June 1998	Secondary School Teacher, Loreto College, Swords, Dublin

### Awards and Funding

2013-2017	World Bank. Community action for nutrition project, Nepal. Role: joint principal investigator (\$658,840).
2013-2017	DfID. Child development grant programme: Nigeria. Role: co-investigator. Joint with Oxford Policy Management and ITAD (£2.14 million).
2013-2015	International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Evaluation of centres for infant development: an early years intervention in Colombia. Role: co-investigator. Joint with University of Los Andes (\$324,978).
2013-2014	SIEF (World Bank/DfID). Does a home visiting programme in early childhood have sustained effects on development 2 years after it ends? Evidence from Colombia. Role: co-investigator (\$572,649).

2012-2015 ESRC/DfID. Improving productivity in developing countries: identifying bottlenecks and obstacles to productive investments and technology adoption. Role: co-investigator (£357,397).

2010-2011 Department of Labor (US). Worker rights, livelihoods, and coping strategies in Malawi. Role: joint principal investigator (US\$80,424).

2009-2012 ESRC. Early childhood development: identifying successful interventions and the mechanisms behind them. Role: principal investigator (£794,667).

2009-2012 International Growth Centre. Early childhood development: identifying successful interventions and the mechanisms behind them (supplementary funding). Role: joint principal investigator (£70,621).

2009-2012 World Bank. Early childhood development: identifying successful interventions and the mechanisms behind them (supplementary funding). Role: principal investigator (US\$98,986).

2009-2010 ESRC. How family size affects children's schooling and work in Mexico. Role: principal investigator (£56,415).

2008-2011 ESRC/Hewlett. Effects of reproductive health on poverty in Malawi. Role: co-investigator (£423,917).

2006-2009 ESRC/DfID. Human capital accumulation and poverty reduction in developing countries. Role: co-investigator (£640,958).