2 x Fully-funded PhD Studentships (Graduate Research Assistants)

CAMEo Research Institute for Cultural and Media Economies

Package worth £14,553 per annum, together with a UK/EU tuition fee waiver.

Grade: 5
Contract: Four year, fixed-term contract

The CAMEo Research Institute for Cultural and Media Economies is pleased to offer two fully-funded PhD studentships (Graduate Research Assistant) positions for four years from October 2017.

These studentships are offered to support the development of the Institute’s research strands on:

- Cultural Policy and Creative Economy
- Cultural Work and Employment
- Cultural Production and Consumption
- Texts and Trends

We welcome outline PhD proposals and applications from suitably qualified applicants in any area of cultural and media economies but especially from those who can show evidence of an interest in one the following topics:

- Cultural industries and creative economy policy - national or international;
- Employment policy and practice in the cultural, creative and media industries;
- Equality and diversity issues in the cultural, creative and media industries;
- Education and training in the cultural, creative and media industries;
- Identity formation in cultural work and employment;
- Histories of cultural work and employment;
- Cultural economies of the music industry, visual arts, West End theatre or dance;
- Politics, social justice and activism in cultural and media economies;
- The production and consumption of ‘craft’ in the creative industries;
- Texts, image and representation in cultural and media economies;
- International dimensions of any of the above.

As a Graduate Research Assistant you will combined PhD study with part-time research work for the Institute (0.2 FTE).

The successful applicants will receive an annual salary/stipend package worth £14,553 and a UK/EU tuition fee waiver. The positions will continue for four years, subject to a satisfactory annual progress review.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3rd May 2017 (at 23:59).
These positions will commence in October 2017, though there is some scope to adjust the start date to reflect individual circumstances.

**About Graduate Research Assistantships**

A Graduate Research Assistant is responsible to the Director of the Institute.

As a Graduate Research Assistant you will undertake your PhD while also supporting research on a part-time basis (0.2 FTE, equivalent to six or seven hours per week) working with experienced colleagues on CAMEo research projects and related activities.

The successful applicant should have:

- evidence of good research skills;
- an ability to work independently, as well as under direction;
- good communication and interpersonal skills;
- a commitment to producing high-quality research;
- a willingness to help contribute to the profile, activities and environment of the Institute.

In the covering letter sent with the PhD application (see below), the applicant should indicate how they meet these requirements.

**Eligibility**

These positions are subject to the condition that the person is registered, and continues to be registered, as a full-time PhD student at the University of Leicester.

These positions are open to persons who are not current PhD students at the University of Leicester. They are open to applicants irrespective of nationality or place of previous residence.

The award covers tuition fees at the UK/EU rate only. International applicants, who do not ordinarily pay UK/EU tuition fees, must be able to demonstrate that they can fund the difference in tuition fee rates.

**Entry requirements**

- First class or upper second class undergraduate degree or an equivalent overseas qualification in a relevant subject;*
- A Masters degree in a relevant subject;
- Research experience is desirable - e.g. through a previous degree or a professional context
- Meeting the University’s English language requirements for research degrees.

**Research areas and supervision**

We welcome applications that focus on any of our specified areas of research (above).
It might be helpful to try and identify one or more potential PhD supervisors from the list of CAMEo Core Team and Researchers - and to indicate these in your application.

Information concerning CAMEo staff research interests may be found at

http://www2.le.ac.uk/institutes/cameo/people

Making an application

Applications should be made by email in the first instance to cameo@le.ac.uk with GRA Application in the subject line.
Your email should include the following attachments:-

- CV which should include your academic qualifications to date and any qualifications not yet completed. Level of English language if not a UK national or from another English speaking country.

- A research proposal outlining your intended PhD project, normally of 1000-1500 words:

  you should include a title, a statement of the problem, the key research questions, how it links to previous academic literature or research, proposed methodology, indication of a plan and time-scale of activity.

- A personal statement or covering letter which explains why you are interested in the Studentship:

  outline your key interests and experience, and why you would be a good person to appoint as a Graduate Research Assistant; you should indicate how your work specifically complements one or more of our research strands or our specified research topics;

To assist you general details about CAMEo can be found here:
http://www2.le.ac.uk/institutes/cameo

Selection process

Candidates short-listed for interview will be contacted by the University and asked to submit a full formal application. We hope to conduct interviews in mid-May. Interviews will be held in person or by Skype, if considered appropriate.

Informal enquiries

Informal enquiries about project ideas are welcome and should be made to Professor Mark Banks mark.banks@leicester.ac.uk or Dr Doris Ruth Eikhof dre9@le.ac.uk.

For more general enquiries about making an application please contact the CAMEo administrator at cameo@le.ac.uk