College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities

PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantship within the School of Media, Communication and Sociology (GTA 0.2FTE)

Package worth £14,533 per annum, together with a UK/EU tuition fee waiver

Open to UK/EU/International applicants.
*International applicants must be able to fund the difference between UK/EU and International fees for the full 4 years of study.*

The School of Media, Communication and Sociology is pleased to offer one fully-funded PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantship for four years from 1 October 2017.

We welcome applications related to any research area of the School's activity and an ability to support teaching across a range of programmes and disciplines in the School would be an advantage. We welcome outline PhD proposals and applications from suitably qualified applicants who can show evidence of an interest in any of the following research cluster areas:

**Media and Communication PhD**

**Media Cultures**
Cultural and media industries, equality and diversity; Media work, labour and subjectivity; Promotional cultures, audiences, advertising, representation; Television, radio and film, media and arts; Music and media; International media cultures (including Chinese media, African media);

**Digital Networks and Communication**
Digital research methodologies and advanced research methods (SNA, Text mining, Data mining for social science) Digital activism (in both democratic countries and authoritarian regimes); digital health and e-patients Digital inclusion and inequalities; minorities and vulnerable communities; Digital labour and play; Social media and public debate.

**Public Communication**
Public discourse, Democratic processes and Social policy. News and journalism. Political communication, and in environmental, health and science communication. Sustainable development communication

Please refer to our Media and Communication [Supervisor Research Interests and proposal guidelines](#)

**Sociology PhD**

Citizenship, Migration and Identity; Crime, Sport; Culture, Consumption and Production; Youth, Childhood; Developments in Theory and Methods (for example - Agent Based Modelling, statistical Analysis, Social Network Analysis, Visual Methods; Restudies and Secondary Analysis of Qualitative Data (including Field Notes), Quantitative Secondary Data Analysis.)

Please refer to our Sociology [Supervisor Research Interests and proposal guidelines](#)
You will undertake your PhD research while supporting teaching on a part-time basis (0.2 FTE, normally 7 hours a week), working with experienced colleagues on our undergraduate programmes.

These positions are available from 1 October 2017. There is some scope to adjust the start date to reflect individual circumstances.

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

Eligibility

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 media/communication studies or relevant subject
• A Master's degree in media/communication studies or a relevant subject is essential.
• 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 in any area of legal research within the research interests of our staff. It is advisable to identify one or more potential supervisors before making an application.

Making an application

Applications should be made using the University’s online application system selecting either Media and Communication or Sociology depending your research area.

In the Funding section of the online application form select STUDENTSHIP and GTA from the dropdown options.

Closing date for applications 31 May 2017

Applications must include:
• a research proposal, normally of 1000-1500 words
• a personal statement which explains why you are interested in the studentship, and why you would be a good person to appoint; you might also indicate how your work complements one or more of the research clusters in Media and Communication; details about our clusters can be found here:
• all supporting documents, including proof that you meet the academic and English language entry requirements. (Supporting documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.)

• Two references from referees who are familiar with your academic work and who are able to comment on your ability to conduct research and to complete a PhD programme. We would prefer that you provide us with the names and contact details of these referees as part of your PhD application, so that we may obtain confidential references. In that case, please ensure that your referees submit the reference by the closing date set out above.

Selection process

Candidates short-listed for interview will be contacted by the University. Interviews will be held preferably in person or by Skype, as appropriate.

Why choose Media, Communication and Sociology at Leicester?

One of the UK’s leading centres for research and teaching in media, communication and Sociology, the School has a long-established history.

For information on the research conducted within the School, please visit this link

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be made to the Director of Postgraduate Research, Professor John Goodwin.

In the first instance, please contact: mcs-pgr@le.ac.uk or 0116 252 2785.

General application enquiries to pgradmissions@le.ac.uk