Role Description

Position: Full-Time PhD Studentship

Stipend: £14,553 pa

Funding for: UK and EU applicants

Start Date: September 2017

Department: Department of Criminology
(College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities)

Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour
(College of Medicine, Biological Sciences and Psychology)

Overview and Project Synopsis:
The University of Leicester is ranked within the top 1% of universities worldwide and has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Together our staff and students are discovering innovative ways to change the world for the better and there has never been a more exciting time to join us.

We are inviting applications for a full-time PhD studentship, which offers the opportunity to undertake a multidisciplinary PhD in collaboration with psychologists and criminologists from the University.

The three-year studentship includes a full UK/EU tuition fee waiver, as well as providing an annual stipend of £14,553 to cover living expenses while undertaking the project.

The position is available from September 2017, but there may be some scope for an earlier start date to reflect individual circumstances.

The project itself will focus on identifying why offenders do and do not engage with rehabilitation programmes in prison, hospital and community settings. This will help to prevent offenders from dropping out of treatment, thereby reducing the significantly negative impact this has on staff morale, the cost-effectiveness of forensic services and on offenders themselves.

Making an Application:
Applications should be made using the University’s online system for PhD applications. For online applications, please go to this link.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 11th of June 2017 (23:59).
When submitting your application, you do not need to submit a research proposal document. However, applications must include:

- A personal statement that indicates why you are interested in undertaking doctoral research and why this particular project is of interest to you. The personal statement should also demonstrate what knowledge and experience you have that allows you to meet the various selection criteria outlined below.
- 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 able to comment on your ability to conduct research and to complete a PhD programme.
- An electronic copy of the last research dissertation thesis that you completed (e.g. your Masters’ dissertation thesis).

When applying, please select “PhD in Criminology” and in the ‘Source of Funding’ section of the application please type the following: “Cross-College PhD Scholarship, Tonkin & Hatcher”.

Selection Process:
If selected for interview, you will be sent further information on the project and invited to prepare a short, 10-minute presentation (the details of which will be included in the letter inviting you to interview). It is anticipated that interviews will take place in early July 2017. Interviews will be held preferably in person or by Skype, as appropriate.

Please note that the position 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.

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be made to Dr. Matthew Tonkin on mjt46@le.ac.uk or 0116 252 3750.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

**Essential**

- A good undergraduate honours degree (First or 2:1) in a relevant subject
- A good postgraduate degree (Distinction or Merit) in a relevant subject
- A demonstrated understanding of both qualitative and quantitative research methods (as evidenced by degree transcript grades for research methods and dissertation modules)
- Meeting the University’s English language requirements for research degrees
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- The applicant will be expected to undertake and pass Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

**Desirable**
- Work experience (voluntary or paid) in secure and/or community forensic settings (e.g. prison, forensic healthcare, probation etc.)
- Access to a car and a valid driving licence

### Skills, Abilities and Competencies

**Essential**
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- An ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Excellent IT Skills