Graduate Teaching Assistant and Studentship in Criminology (0.2FTE) *

College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities

The studentship offers at salary and stipend package of £14,553 together with a UK/EU tuition fee waiver. (*GTA salary £21,220 per annum, pro rata for part time working. )

The Department of Criminology is pleased to offer a fully-funded PhD Graduate Teaching Assistant and studentship position for four years from September 2017.

The successful applicant will undertake their PhD research while undertaking teaching-related activities on a part-time basis (0.2 FTE). This equates to a nominal 7 hours per week, which will be scheduled by the Department to reflect operational requirements. You will be contracted to work 364 hours in a 12 month period.

This position is available from September 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 positions will continue for four years, subject to a satisfactory annual progress review.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 May 2017 (at 23:59).

About Graduate Teaching Assistants

Assistantships enable PhD study to be combined with part-time teaching work at the University.

A Graduate Teaching Assistant is responsible to the Head of Department and is expected to undertake teaching related duties as required within the Department. You will be undertaking teaching on our undergraduate Criminology degrees and this will include seminars, marking and related administration and teaching-focus activities. Your PhD topic will be in an aligned subject represented within the staffing of the Department of Criminology where suitable supervisors can be appointed.

The principal responsibilities of the position are:

- To undertaking teaching, marking and other related activities that will support the development of the Department of Criminology’s internal and external reputation;
- To be available for consultation with campus based students in person and by email during appropriately specified office hours;
- To ensure that student feedback on teaching is obtained and responded to constructively;
- To undertake academic duties (e.g. providing feedback to undergraduate students on assessed work, providing pastoral support of students) required to sustain the delivery of high quality teaching;
- To maintain broad knowledge of up-to-date teaching and scholarship in relevant fields to ensure that teaching meets the standards expected within a research-led University;
- To contribute fully to the teaching culture of the Department through attendance and participation in staff seminars, internal seminars and workshops, PhD seminars, and other means, as appropriate

The successful applicant will have:

- Proven competency in Criminology;
• A high level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake teaching and administrative activities utilising English language materials and the ability to communicate effectively with staff and students;
• Excellent written and oral communication skills;
• The ability to work independently as well as part of a team on teaching related activities;
• A commitment to high quality teaching;
• Proven competency in IT and familiarity with a computerised environment

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

This position is 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.

**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**

- Postgraduate degree in Criminology or a related field;
- Knowledge of subject to an advanced level;
- Outstanding promise of teaching/research achievement;
- Teaching/research interests in one or more of the research themes covered by Department staff

**Making an application**

Applications should be made using the University’s online system for PhD applications. **For online applications, please go to this [link](#)**

Applications must include:

- A research proposal, normally of 1000-1500 words;
- A personal statement which explains why you are interested in the studentship and your credentials in relation to the specified criteria associated with this GTA role;
- 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.

In the 'Source of Funding' section of the application, you must state that you wish to be considered for the 2017 GTA position in Criminology.

**Selection process**
Candidates short-listed for interview will be contacted by the University. We hope to conduct interviews within the last two weeks of June 2017. Interviews will be held preferably in person or by Skype, as appropriate.

**Why choose Criminology at Leicester?**

Since its inauguration in 1987 Criminology at Leicester has established itself as a thriving and internationally-renowned academic community. The University of Leicester is one of a very few universities in the country which is dedicated to researching and teaching criminology. All academic staff within the Department of Criminology have published extensively in their fields of expertise and many are recognised internationally as leaders in their fields.

Informal enquiries are welcome and should be made in the first instance to Isobel McEwen email: [crimphd@le.ac.uk](mailto:crimphd@le.ac.uk) or 0116 252 5755.