Job Title: Fully-funded PhD Studentship (Graduate Research Assistant) on Disability, Work and the Cultural Economy, CAMEo Institute for Cultural and Media Economies

Grade: 6 / Stipend and Research Assistant Package worth £14,777 per annum, together with a UK/EU tuition fee waiver

Department: CAMEo Research Institute for Cultural and Media Economies

Commencement: September 2018

Job Purpose:
This is a four-year, full-time and fully-funded GRA studentship which allows you to study for a PhD while contributing part-time research work (0.2 FTE) to the CAMEo Research Institute for Cultural and Media Economies. As a Graduate Research Assistant your primary role is to undertake your own research project leading to a PhD, while also undertaking part-time research-related duties within the CAMEo Institute, which would not normally exceed the equivalent of 6-7 hours per week.

Your PhD project will be devised and developed in conjunction with CAMEo and one of their key partners - the University’s Attenborough Arts Centre (AAC). AAC is a specialist in the provision of inclusive and accessible art, and a strong supporter of disability-led art and artists. Your project proposal will therefore be designed to explore some aspect of access to work opportunities in the arts, cultural or creative industries – ideally with a primary or significant emphasis on disability and/or the experiences of disabled workers in the arts, cultural or creative industries. Your research assistant work (0.2) will mainly involve supporting CAMEo in other research projects undertaken in partnership with AAC. A strong interest in disability and in work and employment in the creative arts is therefore regarded as highly desirable, though applications will be considered that show a strongly related or cognate interest in other issues concerned with accessibility to cultural or creative work for disadvantaged groups.

It is anticipated that you will live in or within commuting distance of Leicester, and be available and in regular attendance at the Institute as is reasonably required. Appointment to the post is subject to formal confirmation that you are registered, and continue to be registered for the duration of your post as a full-time research student with the University of Leicester.

Principal Accountabilities:

- To pursue doctoral research of high quality that explores access to work opportunity (preferable focussing on some aspect of disability) in one or more of the arts, cultural or creative industries
- To undertake relevant doctoral training as required by supervisors and the University;
- To engage and participate with other PhD students, across the College and University, and contribute to specific postgraduate events, seminars and workshops;
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To participate in and disseminate the results of research and scholarship (e.g. through participation and presentation in research seminars and events within and without the University);

To maintain broad knowledge of up-to-date research and scholarship in relevant fields to ensure that research meets the standards expected within a Research Institute;

To support the work of the Institute by undertaking additional part-time research-focussed activities (up to 6-7 hours per week) as identified by the Institute Directors or Researchers;

To contribute to the general research environment and activities of the Institute, through participating in research meetings, events and workshops, and representing the Institute internally and externally as might be required;

To ensure that all research activities undertaken are in compliance with the ‘Research Code of Conduct’ operated by the University.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience:

Essential
- Masters level degree in relevant subject or equivalent professional experience*
- Knowledge of subject to an advanced level*
- Outstanding promise of research achievement*
- Research interests in disability, creative economy and/or allied intellectual themes*

Desirable
- Research experience / delivery of field training *

Skills, Abilities and Competencies:

Essential
- Proven competency in relevant academic subject or equivalent professional experience
- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake research and administrative activities utilising English Language materials and to communicate effectively with staff and students
- Evidence of good effective oral communication, presentation and training skills
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team on research related activities.
- A commitment to high quality research
- Proven competency in IT and familiarity with a computerised environment
- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake research, and administrative activities utilising English Language materials and to communicate effectively with staff and students.

*Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview
### Contract Information:

This contract of employment is contingent upon the recipient remaining registered as a full-time student on a postgraduate course of study at the University (including a PhD programme).

### Working hours:

The GRA component is a part-time (0.2 FTE) appointment and you will be expected to work up to 7 hours per week, outside of your core PhD studies.

### Equality and Diversity at Leicester:

The University of Leicester is committed to positively advancing equality of opportunity.

We participate in a number of equalities initiatives which celebrate good employment practice for the advancement of diversity and equality. These include the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, the Race Equality Charter and Athena Swan (for which we are currently Bronze award holders). We are proud to be selected as one of only ten Universities internationally to be an impact champion for HeForShe, a global solidarity movement for gender equality. We also have a number of staff equality fora who champion the advancement of equalities for diverse groups.

To find out more please visit the [Equalities](#) webpage.

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### Applications:

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
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*Graduate Research Assistant; you should indicate how your work specifically complements one or more of our research strands or our specified research topics;*

Informal enquiries: Queries about project ideas are welcome and should be made to Dr Doris Ruth Eikhof dre9@le.ac.uk or Professor Mark Banks mark.banks@leicester.ac.uk. For more general enquiries about making an application please contact us at cameo@le.ac.uk. For further information on AAC please see [https://www2.le.ac.uk/hosted/attenborougharts](https://www2.le.ac.uk/hosted/attenborougharts)

**Eligibility**
**Available to UK/EU applicants only**

These positions are open to persons who are not current PhD students at the University of Leicester.
The award covers tuition fees at the UK/EU rate only