



Fully funded PhD studentship in Social Policy and Education

As part of Middlesex University ongoing investment in research, the School of Law is pleased to offer a fully funded research studentship in Social Policy and Education (specifically on areas including: Education Policy, Students Engagement, Early School Leaving, Youth Unemployment, NEETs) .

The bursary is offered on a full-time basis to EU/UK and Overseas applicants and covers a maintenance award and fee payments (at the UK/EU rate, currently £13,863 and £3,996 respectively; note that Overseas applicants will be required to cover the difference between the UK/EU and International Student fee - currently £9,700). The Scholarships is for three years, subject to satisfactory progress. The level of the maintenance element of the Scholarship is linked to the level of corresponding awards made by UK research councils and is subject to regular review. The studentship bursary is free of both tax and national insurance contributions.

Context

The successful candidate will be based in the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC), part of Middlesex University School of Law (Hendon, NW4 4BT).

The SPRC has a strong track record of research on social policy, migration, diversity and equality, socio-economic inclusion and access to services - including schools, supplementary education and education services. The centre is currently undertaking a large scale EU project on 'Reducing Early School Leaving in Europe' (RESL.eu) which aims to provide insights into the processes that influence young people's decisions to leave school or training before gaining adequate qualifications for today's demanding labour market. The project also focuses on young people that are not in education, employment or training (NEET) and aims to identify successful interventions and compensation measures.

The successful candidate will have an opportunity to be associated with RESL.eu and, if appropriate, access data collected in the 7 European countries involved in the project. In addition to work on the doctoral research project, the successful applicant will be expected to contribute to associated activities within the Social Policy Research Centre.

The successful candidate will also benefit from membership of the Doctoral Institute within the School of Law and gain the opportunity to participate in numerous activities aimed at broadening and deepening every candidate's intellectual capacity and skills base. The School of Law houses a range of world class scholars and has a thriving cohort of doctoral students, including a significant number working on issues connected to law, sociology, social policy, politics, human rights, criminology and migration studies.

For further information:

- School of Law: www.mdx.ac.uk/about-us/our-schools/school-of-law
- SPRC: www.sprc.info
- RESL.eu: <http://sprc.info/reducing-early-school-leaving-in-europe/>

Eligibility

Applicants must have a minimum of a first or an upper second class honours degree or equivalent, and preferably a good master's degree, in a relevant area. If your first language is not English, you should have a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each component) or TOEFL 575 (paper-based), 87 (with at least 21 in listening and writing, 22 in speaking and 23 in reading) (computer-based).

How to Apply

For any enquiry on the studentship and to receive information on how to apply (including an application form), please contact:

- Louise Ryan, Co-Director, SPRC: l.ryan@mdx.ac.uk
- Alessio D'Angelo, Senior Lecturer: a.dangelo@mdx.ac.uk

Completed applications should be submitted by email only - we regret that we cannot accept applications in hard copy, by fax or by any other means.

Please note, in addition to the standard documents that need to be submitted as part of your application, applicants for this bursary are required to submit a statement about their research interests and their potential to benefit from and contribute to the ongoing academic work within the School.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **11.59pm GMT on 26th November 2014** and interviews will be held on **December 10th 2014**. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.