Leverhulme Magna Carta Doctoral Scholarship at Royal Holloway, University of London

The School of Law is pleased to announce a funded full-time studentship for doctoral research, awarded under the Leverhulme Magna Carta Doctoral Centre.

The Research Project

Transgender policy and practice in UK prisons: freedoms and rights in the digital age will be supervised by Dr Emily Gloreney, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology in the School of Law, and Dr Hanna Zagefka, Reader in Social Psychology in the Department of Psychology. The project will critically examine government policies and practice in prison regarding the management of transgender prisoners, and explore the perspectives of and obstacles facing transgender prisoners in an environment where themes of security and risk dominate operational functioning in order to achieve the objective of reducing risk of re-offending.

The successful candidate will be encouraged to refine their own PhD topic, working within the proposed phases, as below:

- A critical comparison of the transgender prison policies across the UK and the United States.
- Gain an understanding of the experiences of transgender (ex-)prisoners in the UK and their knowledge of their rights in custody in relation to the newly enacted policy.
- Interview senior practitioners regarding the process and practice of assessing risk with transgender offenders.

In line with the research interests of the supervisors, it is anticipated that this project will adopt a mixed methods approach.

The Scholarship

The scholarship will fund a full-time PhD for three years, during which time a full academic training programme will be provided. The successful candidate will be engaged in all aspects of the research project, including engaging with and disseminating findings to external stakeholders.

The scholarship covers UK and European Union tuition fees and an annual stipend towards living expenses. The 2017/18 value of the stipend is £16,553.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the activities of the Magna Carta Doctoral Centre as well as the postgraduate research community in the multidisciplinary School of Law.

For further information about postgraduate research in the School of Law at Royal Holloway, please see:
Supervision

The successful candidate will be supervised by Dr Emily Glorney in the School of Law and Dr Hanna Zagefka in the Department of Psychology, both at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Dr Emily Glorney: https://pure.royalholloway.ac.uk/portal/en/persons/emily-glorney(a95fe248-5bd5-4eb1-b8c9-9f0769d3a6a4).html

Dr Hanna Zagefka: https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/psychology/staffdirectory/staff-directory.aspx

Qualifications and Eligibility

Candidates with a background in psychology are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Due to the sensitive nature of the research project and the requirement for careful consideration of ethics and associated procedures, candidates would ideally:

- Have a first or upper-second class honours degree or equivalent
- Have a Masters-level qualification, including advanced quantitative and qualitative methods
- Be a resident of the UK or European Economic Area
- Have excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Have experience of working with LGBT+ people and organisations
- Have experience of working with LGBT+ people in the criminal justice system
- Have experience of working in prisons
- Be in a position to gain security clearance to engage in data collection (i.e. no criminal record)
- Be in a position to embark on full-time PhD study

Start Date

The preferred start date is September/October 2017.

Application Procedure

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Emily Glorney emily.glorney@rhul.ac.uk or Dr Hanna Zagefka hanna.zagefka@rhul.ac.uk.
Please make a formal application via Royal Holloway’s online application system, which can be accessed at: https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply.aspx

Your application should include:

- A 1-2 page statement outlining your interest in the research project and how you meet the eligibility criteria
- A copy of your undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications
- A current CV
- An academic reference

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st May 2017. Interviews will take place in June 2017.