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Hope-Lille PhD Scholarships

Applications are invited from outstanding postgraduates to pursue PhD research at Liverpool Hope University and Université Catholique de Lille.

We are seeking confident, innovative applicants with a record of achievement to undertake a broad range of thematic and inter-disciplinary projects, across seven areas.

Students of these fee-only scholarships will be registered at Liverpool Hope University and jointly supervised by academic staff from Liverpool Hope University and Université Catholique de Lille.

This call is open to both UK/EU and international applicants.

Deadline for applications: Friday 13th January 2017.

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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY AND L'UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LILLE PARTNERSHIP

Liverpool Hope University and l'Université Catholique de Lille have signed a new strategic roadmap detailing our plans for collaboration around research, teaching, and development of joint degree programmes over the next three years and beyond. Central to the strategic alliance is the development of a Pan-European Institute, which aims to provide a framework for cross-disciplinary research projects, publications, joint Masters degrees and co-supervision of PhD students. The Institute will be embedded within eight academic projects involving a wide array of disciplines - English language and literature, business, law, environmental studies, politics and international relations, education, health sciences, psychology, theology and philosophy. Fostering new, intellectually and culturally enriching learning opportunities for students is high on the agenda of both universities.

Liverpool Hope University is committed to undertaking research that shapes humanity, science and society. In the REF 2014 Research Assessment, our research programme was ranked in the top half in the UK and fourth in the North West for Research Intensity. Overall, more than a third of our research received prestigious 4* or 3* ratings as world-leading or internationally excellent. You can find out more information at www.hope.ac.uk/ref

We provide a rich and vibrant research environment for our doctoral students. You will have access to the University's well-equipped research infrastructure, extensive library resources and multi-million-pound new science laboratory facilities. Supervision is provided from world-leading and internationally excellent academic staff who will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills, and share the techniques and professional networks cultivated through their own cutting-edge research. Pastoral support is also provided, alongside academic guidance. You will become part of the lifeblood of the University's research community, and will be considered an active partner in your own and the community's development. You will also undertake professional development through a research skills training programme, accessing development opportunities that support the production of excellent research and enhance your employability.

This award covers full tuition fees for a maximum of three years full-time doctoral study (subject to evidence of satisfactory progress and periodical review as deemed suitable by the supervisory team).

Please note: As successful candidates will undertake a PhD through full-time study there will be an expectation for you not to undertake an external, full-time commitment or job during the duration of your PhD studies. The only work that the candidates may be permitted to undertake is the Graduate Teaching Assistant role for providing teaching support. Successful candidates will be required to spend time in both Liverpool and Lille during this split site PhD programme.

MINIMUM ENTRY CRITERIA

Candidates should have or expect to achieve:

- A Masters degree with Distinction from a UK university OR;
- A Masters degree with Merit from a UK university, including a Distinction grade for the Dissertation [or equivalent] OR;
- An equivalent qualification from outside of the UK – equivalency to be judged by Liverpool Hope's Registrar.

Where an applicant holds a Masters degree from a UK university that does not offer awards with Merit, Liverpool Hope's Registrar will confirm that the profile of marks satisfies or exceeds our requirements.

Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are prerequisites of any successful application. International applicants must produce an appropriate TOFEL or IELTS score. Please refer to the International Unit website at www.hope.ac.uk/international for the latest information.

HOW TO APPLY

Prospective applicants are advised to contact the relevant faculty member, i.e. Principal Investigator (PI) named on the Specific Project, to informally discuss their application before submission. Eligible applicants should apply via the Online Application System on www.hope.ac.uk/study/postgraduateresearch – please refer to the 'Apply Now' tab.

The deadline for full applications is midnight on Friday 13th January 2017 for February 2017 entry.

Expression of Interest is a formal stage of the online application; students applying should insert the following statement only: '2016 Hope-Lille PhD Scholarships'. Applicants are advised to do this at the earliest opportunity as the full application form is not released until this stage of our application process is complete.

Applicants will be able to upload copies of official academic achievements in the undergraduate degree classification and Masters degree awards, plus copies of official transcripts of all degree subjects taken, proof of English fluency (for non-native English speakers only). A written sample of no more than 3,000 words will be required to demonstrate the applicant's skills as a researcher and/or show skills in organising and presenting research findings. **Please refer to the Personal Statement Guidance document for more information.**

FURTHER DETAILS ON APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Further details can also be obtained by contacting Professor Atulya Nagar (nagara@hope.ac.uk) or Professor Andra Cotiga-Raccah (Andra.COTIGA-RACCAH@univ-catholille.fr) quoting '2016 Hope-Lille PhD Scholarships' in the subject line of your email.

Applicants must also arrange for three academic references to be sent directly to Professor Atulya Nagar at nagara@hope.ac.uk by the application deadline. **Applications without supporting references will not be accepted.**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview.

SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- 1. Linguistic representations of sexual violence: self and other narratives in the media**
Principal Investigator: Dr Linda McLoughlin (mcloughl@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Gerald Preher (gerald.preher@univ-catholille.fr) or Dr Suzanne Bray (suzanne.bray@univ-catholille.fr)
- 2. Margaret Cavendish (1623-1673) in France and Flanders**
Principal Investigators: Dr Lisa Walters (walterl@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Roger Vincent (vincent.roger@univ-catholille.fr)
- 3. Public Dying in the 21st Century**
Principal Investigators: Dr Michael Brennan (brennam@hope.ac.uk) and Professor Cathy Leblanc (cathy.leblanc@univ-catholille.fr)
- 4. A Comparative Analysis of the Performance and Sustainability of Social Enterprises Across Regions and Countries**
Principal Investigators: Dr Asad Ghalib (ghaliba@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Frederik Claeÿé (Frederik.CLAEYE@univ-catholille.fr)
- 5. Food Waste Policy in Britain and France: A Comparative Analysis**
Principal Investigators: Dr Sabine Weiland (sabine.weiland@univ-catholille.fr) and Dr Bryce Evans (evansb1@hope.ac.uk)
- 6. Cross-Cultural Advertising Efficiency**
Principal Investigators: Dr Adnane Alaoui (alaouia@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Véronique Flambard (veronique.flambard@univ-catholille.fr)
- 7. Conceptions of teaching excellence in higher education: A comparative study of the perspectives of academics from England and France**
Principal Investigators: Dr Frank Su (SUF@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Namrata Rao (raon@hope.ac.uk) and Prof Jean-Charles Cailliez (jean-charles.cailliez@univ-catholille.fr)
- 8. Restoring the Link to the Sacred: Music, Theology and Hermeneutics in John Tavener's Work**
Principal Investigators: Dr Dominika Kurek-Chomyc (kurekcd@hope.ac.uk); Pr Cathy Leblanc (cathy.leblanc@univ-catholille.fr); and Dr Peter McGrail (mcgraip@hope.ac.uk)
- 9. Religious Faith and Economic Performance: An Economic Approach**
Principal Investigators: Dr Archontis L. Pantsios (pantsia@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Veronique Flambard (veronique.flambard@univ-catholille.fr)
- 10. The impact of European integration on political parties: Evaluating contemporary challenges**
Principal Investigators: Dr Michael Holmes (holmesm@hope.ac.uk) and Dr Giulia Sandria (giulia.sandri@univ-catholille.fr)
- 11. Which Theory of Disability does transhumanism presuppose?**
Principal Investigators: Dr David Bolt (boltd@hope.ac.uk), Dr David Doat (David.DOAT@univ-catholille.fr), Dr Owen Barden (bardeno@hope.ac.uk)
- 12. Innovation and Learning in Next Generation Learning Spaces**
Principal Investigators: Dr Penny Haughan (haughap@hope.ac.uk), Prof Jean-Charles Cailliez (jean-charles.cailliez@univ-catholille.fr), and Dr Nicholas Almond (almondn@hope.ac.uk)
- 13. Nudges, Normativity and Behaviourally Informed Public Policy**
Principal Investigators: Dr Malik Bozzo-Rey (Malik.BOZZO-REY@univ-catholille.fr) and Dr Philippe Chassy (ChassyP@hope.ac.uk)

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