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Associate Dean – External Relations

Applications are invited from senior members of the Faculty of Humanities for the post of Associate Dean (External Relations), which is currently vacant following the departure of Mike Emmerich. Applicants should be able to demonstrate an extensive record of successful collaboration with academic colleagues and of leadership on a range of external relations initiatives. The post is open to applicants on either academic or academic-related contracts.

The Associate Dean will receive an honorarium equivalent to a full-time rate of £10,000 per annum. The level of full-time equivalence for the successful candidate would be agreed in discussion with the Dean.

Applications (brief *curriculum vitae*, plus supporting letter demonstrating how you would undertake the duties and responsibilities attached to this post, and your ideas for further development of the role) should be sent to:

Rachel Horsford
Head of External Relations
Faculty of Humanities
Lime Grove

Tel: 58928
Email: rachel.horsford@manchester.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 17 November 2006.

Colleagues with an interest in this post may wish to discuss this informally with the Vice-President and Dean, Professor Alistair Ulph, in the first instance. He can be contacted on tel. no 61111.

A full job description can be found at
<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/aboutus/news/news/>

Brooks World Poverty Institute - Postgraduate Fellowships and Scholarships 2007/08

The BWPI is pleased to offer a suite of postgraduate fellowships and scholarships to support PhD programmes starting in the academic year 2007/08. These have individual conditions and criteria, but in general research can focus on any aspect of poverty analysis that has both academic and policy relevance.

Candidates with disciplinary backgrounds in any relevant subject area are encouraged to apply and research topics should relate to the BWPI's evolving research plan.

The topics listed below provide an illustration of areas of work that are of interest to BWPI, but potential candidates with other poverty-related topics are encouraged to apply:

Measuring poverty from income and human development perspectives
Applying different concepts of poverty - what does this tell us?
The roles of the state and market in poverty reduction
Why do some poor people stay poor while others escape poverty?
Who benefits and who does not from social protection? Why is this the pattern?
The theory and practice of empowering poor people
Is economic growth pro-poorest?

It is hoped that the successful candidates will become some of the world's leading poverty researchers and a key influence on global policy. They will be registered as full-time PhD students and will receive research training through attendance of appropriate programmes at either the School of Environment & Development (see www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/bwpi/) or the School of Social Sciences, depending upon topic selection (see www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate).

www.manchester.ac.uk/bwpi

Procurement

Important information regarding contracted suppliers of photocopier paper and stationery

Premier paper – price increase

Premier Paper has imposed a price increase applicable from 2nd October 2006. Please be aware that the new prices are extremely uncompetitive and no longer a viable option. They have introduced new quantity bands for 5-49 reams and 50-99 reams, and have applied the greatest increases to these lower quantity orders.

There are two other contracted suppliers of copier paper, namely N W Paper, and Lyreco. More details can be found on the CuPID database by typing 'paper' in the key

word search under the Buyers Guide section of the Procurement Office home page at <http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/purchase/>

If you currently use Premier Paper it would be cost-effective to change to one of the other contracted suppliers.

LYRECO – University Approved Stationery Supplier

Please note that Lyreco has now released the updated price list (w.e.f. 01.09.06) for 2006. The CuPID website and Oracle I-Proc have been updated to reflect these changes.

Customer Account Numbers

We have been made aware that certain orders, when raised via Oracle Financials do not quote Customer Account Numbers. Please note that it is important that this Customer Account Number is quoted on all orders to Lyreco as this relates to your specific delivery address and will facilitate next day delivery. This can be done under the 'Note to Supplier' tab on Oracle.

Furniture orders

The University has three separate contracts for furniture, therefore a block has been put on this category with Lyreco. If you have any furniture requirements please use the following suppliers:

The Desk Centre
Southern Office Interiors
Project Office Furniture

More details can be found on the CuPID database by typing 'furniture' in the key word search under the Buyers Guide section of the Procurement Office home page at <http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/purchase/>

If you require any further information about any of the above please contact Rahat Yasmeen on 58857.

Widening Participation

Revolutionising the evaluation process

The evaluation of widening participation projects and activities is now mandatory throughout the Faculty. This provides the Schools, the Faculty and the University with the evidence of the impact our widening participation work has on the pupils and mature students with whom we work. With the help of the Humanities IT Team, we are currently piloting a new system of collecting feedback from pupils attending our activities, by designing online evaluation forms using survey software.

Some evaluation results are instantly available, for example the proportion of male/female pupils, pupils' ethnicity, and their likelihood of going to university. The responses can then be manipulated in Excel to produce the evaluation reports that the

Faculty depends upon to inform the ongoing development and refinement of our programme of activities.

Archaeology for All Conference

The Faculty's widening participation team and some enthusiastic postgraduate archaeology students are currently working with a group of boys from Littlemoss High School who will give a presentation on the impact of archaeology on their community at this conference being hosted by the University in November. The boys have attended three archaeology workshops at the University over the last two weeks. They will be attending on two further occasions as they prepare a presentation for the Archaeology for All Conference on 3 November 2006. The conference includes an audience of national and international delegates, including Minister for Culture David Lammy MP.

Familiarisation Visits 2006-07

The new academic year for our Secondary School programme kicked off with the first of our new and improved Familiarisation Visits on 4th October, in Languages. We offer year 7's the opportunity to explore the Oxford Road Campus, followed up by a discussion about learning at university, while the year 8 pupils take part in an Enquiry-Based Learning exercise designed by the Teaching Learning & Assessment Office and facilitated by the JRUL. This will give the pupils first hand experience of what it is like to study in a Humanities discipline at a research intensive university, the skills required to succeed and the facilities and resources the University has to support learning.

Y9 Summer School Revisited Conference

In May 2006 the Faculty WP team ran the University's first Y9 summer school. We have recently received some post-exam feedback from several of the schools indicating that the majority of pupils attending exceeded predicted expectations in their end of year summer exams. Their teachers indicated that it was the attendance at the Summer School that in many cases encouraged students to work harder and raised their attainment levels. The Summer School WebCT discussion board also enabled us to be aware of the impact that the summer school had had on the students and their desire for continued contact with the University. As a result we are planning a one day conference for the students in December.

Postgraduate Research News

Postgraduate Research Skills Training Team

During October the Skills Training team successfully conducted induction sessions throughout the Faculty for the new intake of postgraduate research students. New students in each School in the Faculty received a general introduction to the Faculty, a session on personal development planning and an opportunity to undertake the Skills Audit.

The team also organised a Faculty Reception and Information Fair which included stalls from John Ryland's University Library, Manchester Computing, UK Grad and the Burlington Society. The Fair was followed by a presentation from Professor Nigel Vincent on 'The Manchester PGR Experience'. A reception concluded the event.

Congratulations

Key Appointment for Professor Colin Talbot

Professor Colin Talbot, Chair in Public Policy and Management at Manchester Business School, has been appointed Specialist Adviser on public spending issues to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee.

Professor Talbot has already acted as a Specialist Adviser to the Public Administration Select Committee for a specific report and has given evidence numerous times to Select Committees, including the Treasury, Public Administration and Welsh Affairs committees. The new appointment to the Treasury Committee is open-ended. Professor Talbot also acts as an advisor to the National Audit Office on a range of public management issues.

Professor Talbot is co-director of the Centre for Public Policy & Management and is the Director of the newly-formed Herbert Simon Institute, a university-wide collaboration on public sector scholarship.

New website for NCESS

The website for the ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science (NCESS) based in the School of Social Sciences has recently undergone a revamp. The website now includes full details of the seven research nodes based at universities around the UK and details of their research into developing new tools for social scientists using Grid computing.

These tools include technologies to record, represent and replay new forms of digital data; Grid-enabled virtual environments within which users are able to link spatial data about cities to geographic information systems (GIS) software; and tools to allow collaborative analysis of audio-visual qualitative data.

The website can be found at <http://www.ncess.ac.uk/>

Humanities in the News

There has been a lot of interest in the report by sociologist Dr Mark Harvey whose research has found UK consumers are most trusting of the food they eat. He appeared on the Today Programme. MSc student Sammy Gitau from Nairobi gained much coverage for his story- he journeyed from the streets of Nairobi to start an MSc within SED. Professor John Harris made The Independent's Good List and Professor Alan Dyson the front page of The Times for a report into the beneficial effects of extending school hours. Professor Joseph Stiglitz received further coverage in The Daily Telegraph, The Scotsman and contributed to a piece in The Sunday Times about the University becoming their 'University of the Year'.

Forthcoming Events

ESDS Government Research Conference 2006

'Ethnic differences in labour market outcomes, social capital and health: evidence from the UK government surveys'

Tuesday 7 November 2006

British Academy, London

This one-day conference provides accessible research results from UK experts on ethnic differences in relation to labour market outcomes, social capital and health. It focuses on research evidence from large-scale government surveys and is specifically aimed at government policy-makers and analysts and senior academics.

To view the programme and book a place please go to
<http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/esds/events/2006-11-07/>

Public Lecture

'The Political Economy and Theology of Rice in Monsoon Asia'

8 November 2006

4:15 - 5:30pm

Crawford Lecture Theatre, Crawford House

Chris Gregory, Visiting Hallsworth Professor in Social Anthropology will present his recent analysis of two decades of research into religion and political economy in an open lecture.

Chris Gregory's three main books, *Gifts and Commodities* (1982), *Observing the Economy* (with J. Altman, 1989) and *Savage Money: The Anthropology and Politics of Commodity Exchange* (1997/2004) are landmark texts. The first is a classic and is cited widely across all the social sciences and humanities. His later book, which focuses on the market in India, has been called "certainly the most innovative contribution to economic anthropology for a decade" (*Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 2000).

On 28th November, at the Centre for the Study of Political Economy he will speak about "Kinship Capitalism".

'Expanding Your Horizons: A one day conference for Fixed Term Researchers (FTRs)'

9 November 2006

9am - 4pm

Chancellors Conference Centre, Moseley Road, Fallowfield

Speakers:

Prof Simon Gaskell, Vice President (Research), The University of Manchester

Prof Nigel Vincent, Vice President (Graduate Education), The University of Manchester

Dr Iain Cameron, RCUK and UKHerd Task Force Member

This conference will include an afternoon of presentations and discussions with former fixed term researchers who have gone on to achieve excellence in academia and beyond.

The objectives of the day are to:

Raise awareness of changes in policy at Manchester and nationally; allow research staff the opportunity to shape future training provision within the Faculty of Humanities; develop a sense of community amongst researchers; promote an understanding of academic and alternative career paths.

Please note that places are strictly limited. Contact Dr Susan Hogan, Postdoctoral Research Training Officer, Faculty of Humanities, on 306 1116 or at susan.hogan@manchester.ac.uk

Professor Luke Georghiou Speaks at Innovation Conference

Professor Luke Georghiou will give the closing address at the prestigious Economist Innovation Awards and Summit on 10th November in London. He will be joining leading figures from the world of business including Stelios Haji-Ioannou, founder of the easyGroup of companies, Doug McCallum, managing director of eBay.co.uk and Jorg Reimann, head of marketing innovations at BMW.

Prof Georghiou's closing address will be on *Innovation at the Forefront of Globalisation*, looking at how to develop sustainable innovation in a global context and what companies should be doing to achieve this goal.

The summit includes a dinner to celebrate innovators in different sectors through the presentation of the Economist innovation awards on the evening of Thursday 9 November.

http://www.economistconferences.com/Roundtable/Public/con_common.asp?rtid=891&rtRegion=4&area=1

Lecture by the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Manchester Research Institute for Religion and Civil Society (MRIRCS), part of SAHC, will launch on 15 November with a lecture from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

MRIRCS aims to enquire after the changing role of religion in the public sphere; examine the changing nature of civil society and the contribution of religion to such changes; interrogate key categories (public/private, global/local, political economy, democracy, belief, secularism/secularization) as they relate to the practice of religion and to engage with religion as it impinges at different levels of public life: in intellectual and academic debate; in practical policy-making; at local, national and international contexts.

The lecture by the Archbishop of Canterbury will take place in Whitworth Hall from 6-7pm, and staff and students are invited to attend on a strictly first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend please be seated by 5.45pm.

<http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/mrircs/>

SARs User Meeting

Thursday 16 November 2006

Royal Statistical Society, Errol Street, London

This meeting will include presentations on how the various 2001 SARs/CAMS/SAM files are being used. It will also include an opportunity to discuss the needs for microdata files from the 2011 Census and to hear from the Census Offices about their plans for microdata.

To view the programme and to book a place, please go to <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/sars/events/2006-11-16/>

For more information please contact Gill Meadows, Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research School of Social Sciences on 275 0270 or visit <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk>

'Beyond Academia?'

28 and 29 November

North Campus, Sackville St, and Renold Building

PHD students in the Faculty, in conjunction with the University of Salford, are holding a two day conference on Knowledge Transfer and PhD Research. The conference will consist of a day of discussion papers and a day of practical workshops. The event is sponsored by the AHRC and UK GRAD programme.

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/events/conferences/knowledgetransfer/>

23rd IMP Conference

The 23rd IMP Conference will take place from 30th August to 1st September 2007 at Manchester Business School. There will also be an associated doctoral colloquium on the 28th and 29th August.

The conference is the largest in the world dealing specifically with marketing, purchasing and technological development in a business-to-business context. Further details can be found by following the conference link from the MBS homepage at <http://www.mbs.ac.uk>