

### Additional information: PhD Studentships in English and Creative Writing

**The University of Chichester has one full Bursary for PhD study for 3 years available in the area of English and Creative Writing.**

The University is offering a range of research studentship bursaries including Full and Fees only bursaries across different subject areas. The preference for students applying for the full bursaries is for them to undertake **full-time** research starting in the academic year 2015/16 and registering on 1 October 2015. Part-time research supported by a Full Bursary is possible and will be considered on a case by case basis. The Full-Bursaries also cover tuition fees.

**The deadline for applications is: noon on Wednesday 10 June 2015**

Innovative proposals for PhD study are invited in a range of research areas (see list below). The strategic drive behind the studentships is to attract excellent students to conduct collaborative PhD projects. Collaboration may involve either a third party organisation e.g. museum, gallery, charity, business or collaboration with the University of Chichester subject areas of Enterprise Management and Leadership ([The Business School](#)), [Education](#) or [Music](#).

Applicants may already have a potential third party collaborator in mind or may wish to explore the possibilities with an academic colleague in one of the subject areas listed. In each case it is recommended that you contact Prof Bill Gray ([B.gray@chi.ac.uk](mailto:B.gray@chi.ac.uk)) to find out more.

The subject area of English & Creative Writing will accept postgraduate research students in the following areas:

- a) Creative Writing: poetry; drama; the short story; the novel
- b) Shakespeare & Renaissance Studies
- c) Children's Literature
- d) Fantasy Literature
- e) Fairy Tale Studies
- f) Post-1945 and Contemporary Fiction
- g) Contemporary Drama
- h) Contemporary critical theory and European philosophy
- i) Romanticism
- j) Eighteenth-century Women's Writing
- k) Literature and Religion/Theology
- l) Nineteenth-century Literature
- m) Eco-criticism
- n) Linguistics & Literature
- o) Representations of military conflict in literature and film
- p) Philosophy, Ethics and the novel
- q) The Gothic
- r) Science and Literature
- s) Science Fiction

**Informal enquiries are welcomed:** Names and areas of supervisors can be found at this webpage <http://www.chi.ac.uk/specialisms/english-and-creative-writing/research-supervisors> .

Call 01243 816000 for the main switchboard and ask to be connected to the academic to whom you wish to speak.

For further details about University of Chichester PhD bursaries visit: <http://www.chi.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research/phd-studentships>.

Information about the University's research environment can be found here at <http://www.chi.ac.uk/research>.

## Postgraduate Research at The University of Chichester

The University of Chichester excelled in the UK-wide Research Excellence Framework (REF) with results announced in December 2014 revealing that 90% of our research is rated as internationally renowned and 15% classified as 'world-leading'.

A successful applicant will join an intimate, vibrant, and dynamic research environment at the Bishop Otter Campus of the University of Chichester, located within walking distance of the lovely historic city of Chichester. We are particularly interested in high calibre applicants who wish to play an active role in the continued development of our research environment.

Those applying for Fees only Bursaries may apply for part-time or full-time study unless indicated otherwise. Those currently registered on the University of Chichester MPhil/PhD research programme are not eligible to apply (those registered on the Pre-PhD Preparation Programme are eligible to apply).

The studentship for full-time study is normally 3 years for a Doctorate, subject to satisfactory annual review. Fee-bursaries for part-time study are normally offered for a period of 5 years and are also subject to satisfactory annual review.

The value of the full bursaries is £13,000 p.a. (tax free) for the duration of the bursary period.

All fee waivers (i.e. Fees only bursaries and fee waiver that accompanies a full bursary) relate to UK/EU fees (currently £3,515 p.a. for Full Time study). Applicants from outside the EU/UK should be aware that they will be required to pay the difference in fees between the international fee (currently £11,100 p.a for Full Time study) and the UK/EU fee.

All research students have access to the University's research training programme, will undertake teaching and/or related duties up to a maximum of 6 hours per week and will be supported in their studies by a supervisory team. Students in receipt of bursaries or fee-waivers are expected to contribute to the research environment of the University.

The University of Chichester provides PhD students with a range of facilities and support, including dedicated office space, PC and IT facilities, and library services.

All of the bursaries offered come with a total allowance of £750 for conference attendance (or similar activities) across the duration of the bursary.

Applicants are requested to note the standard [Terms and Conditions of bursary holders](#) prior to submitting their application.

## Selection Criteria

Applicants should preferably possess an existing MSc or MA qualification. Every applicant should have good quantitative and/or qualitative research methods skills appropriate to their discipline, and should be a well-organised, self-motivated researcher.

Selection will be based on an assessment by the panel of:

- a. the quality of the candidate
- b. the quality of the proposed project (or for set/fixed projects the quality of the candidate's interpretation and understanding of the project)
- c. the likelihood of the candidate completing the thesis in a timely manner,
- d. the level of contribution that the candidate will make to the research area and to the postgraduate student community as a whole.

Those whose first language is not English should achieve an IELTS score of at least 6.5. Visa restrictions may apply for international applicants.

## The Application Process

Each applicant will apply through the [Research Studentship Application form online](#), or hard copy of the online form. In addition to asking for personal details, education history, and references, the application requests detailed information about the research proposal.

Applicants are encouraged to make contact with the relevant individual(s) in the subject area to discuss the research proposal.

Those applying for specific projects should ensure that the title is indicated in the 'Outline of Proposed Project' section. Wherever possible an indication should be given of the 'Proposed Supervisors'.

**To complete an online application form please visit our website (<http://goo.gl/w0FGA>)**

For questions regarding the application process please contact Dr Antony Walsh ([a.walsh@chi.ac.uk](mailto:a.walsh@chi.ac.uk)), 01243 812128 (Research Office). Informal queries relating to research proposals should be taken up with members of academic staff as outlined in the first section of this document.

Successful applicants will be shortlisted and advised of interview dates (these dates are typically within 2-3 weeks of the closing deadline).