

## **NEWMAN UNIVERSITY**

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

#### **Call for Applications for Home/EU PhD Studentships to commence October 2015**

Newman University aspires to be recognised regionally, nationally and internationally for the quality of its research and scholarship. As part of the University's continued commitment to supporting the most promising students to undertake in depth postgraduate research, applications are invited for three fully-funded PhD Studentships for three years (full-time) for UK or EU students. The Studentship includes a subsistence grant in line with the recommendations of the UK research Councils (currently £13,863 p.a. for 2014-15) with all fees paid. Further Home/EU PhD Studentships are expected to be available to commence in October 2015.

The University supports world-leading and internationally recognised research across a broad range of disciplines (including the Human Sciences, Sport, Psychology, Education and the Humanities) and applications are welcome in any of these areas. Details of the core research interests and supervision areas can be found at <http://www.newman.ac.uk/research-activity/2375/supervision-areas>.

Current Readers and Professors will particularly welcome applications on:

- Educational leadership, management, and policy, including that in pastoral care and Catholic Education (interested applicants should contact Dr Dave Trotman: email [d.trotman@newman.ac.uk](mailto:d.trotman@newman.ac.uk), tel: 0121 476 1181 ext. 2252 for an informal discussion).
- Biblical Studies, and specifically the use of the Old Testament in the New, working with Dr Susan Docherty and Professor Steve Moyise (interested applicants should contact Dr Susan Docherty: email [s.e.docherty@newman.ac.uk](mailto:s.e.docherty@newman.ac.uk) for an informal discussion).
- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Black British literature (interested applicants should contact Dr Helen Cousins: email [h.cousins@newman.ac.uk](mailto:h.cousins@newman.ac.uk), tel: 0212 478 1181 ext. 2309 for an informal discussion).
- Aspects of the French Revolution, or the social history of alcohol in Early Modern/Modern Europe (interested applicants should contact Dr Noelle Plack: email [n.plack@newman.ac.uk](mailto:n.plack@newman.ac.uk), tel: 0212 478 1181 ext. 2433 for an informal discussion).

Other interested applicants may wish to discuss their ideas with a potential supervisor and should consult the information on staff research in the University's academic subjects at <http://www.newman.ac.uk/research/432>. Informal academic enquiries may also be made to the Director of the Graduate School, Prof. Máirtín Mac an Ghaill ([M.MacanGhaill@staff.newman.ac.uk](mailto:M.MacanGhaill@staff.newman.ac.uk)).

Applicants are expected to possess a Master's Degree with Distinction, or with a Distinction in the Dissertation, from a UK University, or an equivalent qualification.

The key criteria for selection and appointment will be:

- Record of academic excellence of the candidate;
- Availability of supervisory expertise and capacity;
- Quality of project proposal;
- Research skills and training;
- Spread of recruitment.

Further information and the application form are available on:

<http://www.newman.ac.uk/studentships/867?1=o>.

Please note that Newman University offers its PhDs in partnership with Liverpool Hope University (who are the awarding institution) by whose regulations successful applicants will be bound: <http://www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch/>.

### **Timescale**

- Deadline for applications: Monday 27 February 2015
- Interviews: week commencing Monday 18 March 2015
- Commencement of Studentship: 5 October 2015