PhD project title
Capturing the entrepreneurial voice - internationalising the regions.

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Project description
This project might suit applicants who have studied business as well as e.g. social psychology, or English language and literature. The economy and culture of the UK is changing in response to globalisation, and to Brexit in ways that are not yet understood. It is important that the UK remains active in international business as its benefits underpin sustainable growth and development of the regions. Entrepreneurs and the small firms they create are often the focus of policy initiatives but frequently studied through large scale surveys and secondary data. In this project we intend to listen to and hear the voices of entrepreneurs, and what these changes mean to them in their lived experience. The research design is likely to involve qualitative methods and the analysis of talk including discourse analysis, conversation analysis, and content analysis.

PhD candidate profile
The PhD candidate should meet the following requirements:
- Be enthusiastic, well-organised and have good inter-personal skills.
- High motivation and a keen interest in the research area.
- A first degree that is equivalent to a UK classification of upper second class honours or above. In addition, a good masters level qualification of merit or above, with a minimum of 60 per cent in the dissertation, research project element or equivalent experience. We also accept an MBA from an accredited school where the candidate can demonstrate that a significant research element has been undertaken. For further information on entry requirements, please see: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/management/study/researchdegrees/howtoapply

Duration and start dates
Full or part time study for 3 or 6 years is available, and remote location study is also possible. We have two start dates a year for PhD students. Our preferred start date is 1 October, however we do recognise that not everyone will be able to commence studies at that time, so we also offer a second start date of 1 February. If you are unable to start in October or February, it may be also possible to start your PhD at a different time of the year.

Closing date for applications
Applications will be considered until a suitable candidate has been identified. For the 1 October start date, a full application must have been received by 15 July. For 1 February start date, a full application must have been received by 15 November.

How to apply
See http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/management/study/researchdegrees/howtoapply for full details of how to apply.
For an informal discussion about this opportunity, please contact Marian Jones at m.v.jones@sheffield.ac.uk