Fully funded PhD: Young workers and the global economy: the changing nature of work and employment for young people

The Centre for Decent Work at Sheffield University Management School is seeking applications for a fully funded PhD from exceptional UK/EU/International students with an outstanding academic record (distinction/high merit or equivalent), as well as a proven record in research training.

Project description
Labour markets for young people since the 2007 global financial crisis have been characterised by high levels of unemployment and underemployment, low wages, and insecure working conditions. These conditions exist in varying degrees across the Global North and South.

This research project will examine the conditions of work and employment experienced by young people in contemporary labour markets. The aim of the project is to understand how and why young people experience the conditions of work that they do, and how prevailing processes of political economy shape these conditions. The period since the start of the economic crisis has witnessed an increase in unemployment among young people as well as an increase in the extent of underemployment (e.g. graduates employed in jobs that would previously have required non-tertiary qualifications). The project could examine, for example, the consequences of under-employment for workers or organisations or the factors that affect the ability of young people to progress from ‘bad’ to ‘good’ jobs. There is scope to examine large-scale data sets and/or case study organisations and to conduct international comparative research. This research project is open to varying methodological approaches depending on the skills-set of the applicant.

How to apply

The deadline to apply is 1 July 2019 at 17:00 UK time. Please note that applications will not be processed if they are incomplete or received after the deadline. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview on Tuesday 13/Wednesday 14 August 2019.

Applicants should submit a 1000 word research proposal which directly addresses the theme and/or specific topic to which they are applying. The proposal should contain a brief background to the topic, which demonstrates knowledge of existing work in the field, and potential contributions to knowledge. It should also explain the proposed research methods and include a plan of the research, and a timeline.

For more information and to submit an application, visit:
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Please clearly indicate the number of the project in your application: CDW 3/4
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 For an informal discussion about this opportunity, please contact: Professor Jason Heyes, at j.heyes@sheffield.ac.uk

 Funding notes
 This scholarship is offered on a full-time basis for three years subject to satisfactory progress. The award pays tuition fees and an annual tax free maintenance stipend at the RCUK rate.

 Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis – applications are assessed on the basis of academic success and qualifications, experience, research background, a clear well-articulated research proposal, the potential impact of the research and a close synergy of research interests with supervisor/ research centre expertise.