FULLY FUNDED PHD AND TEACHING FELLOWSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD (STARTING DATE 5th FEB 2018)

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 18th DECEMBER 2017

The Department of Psychology has one Teaching Fellowship (TF) available, to start Monday 5th February 2018. [The starting date is not negotiable because we need a TF at the beginning of next semester].

The TF is funded for 4 years while you carry out a PhD. The funding will cover your Sheffield University UK fees (about £4194 per year) and your living expenses (about £14,500 per year).

If you want to do a PhD you must first contact a member of staff in Psychology who can supervise the research topic in which you are interested. Please see the Department’s web site for a list of PhD supervisors, their main areas of interest, and their contact details. Please note: not all staff interests are included on the web site so if you want to research an area that is not listed please contact Jayne Whitely or Mark Blades, who may be able to suggest appropriate supervisors in the Department.

You should have extensive discussions with a potential supervisor. If your project is feasible that member of staff will help you to write a brief proposal and put together an application for a PhD. The application is submitted to the University and will include details of your qualifications and experience, the research proposal, and the names of two referees. Your application must be submitted to the University of Sheffield by Monday 18th December 2017.

You should say on your application that you are applying for a Teaching Fellowship in the Psychology Department, and also, on your application, give the name of the member of staff who is supporting your application.

In return for the 4 years funding you will be expected to take part in teaching duties. (e.g. giving undergraduate tutorials, helping with lab classes, marking, and/or supervising L3 projects). The teaching duties will normally be for up to about 5 hours a week, mainly during term time. The exact duties will vary from semester to semester and from year to year, but you must always be available to carry them out. The total amount of teaching each year will be less than 200 hours.
Competition for TFs is intense and the Department usually has scores of applicants for each advertised TF post. To be successful you should have a high 2.1 or first class BA/BSc in Psychology and a MA/MSc in Psychology (or a related subject) with a high Merit or Distinction. You must have completed your MSc before the starting date for the post. Other experience, such as previous research experience or teaching experience is taken into account, but such experience is not essential.

Please note, discussions with a potential supervisor and completing a University application form will take some time, so both these should be started well before the submission deadline.

If you need advice about the application procedures please contact Jayne Whitley, j.whitley@sheffield.ac.uk, or Mark Blades, m.blades@sheffield.ac.uk