



PhD Studentship

The Victorian and Modern Periodical (c.1837-1939)

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STARTING OCTOBER 2011

Applications are invited for post-graduate study in the area of the nineteenth and/or early-twentieth century periodical. The periodical is an established and important field of academic research and one which has been facilitated by the growing availability of periodicals on line. The digitisation of many nineteenth and early twentieth century periodicals has opened up a fruitful area for research, one which was previously restricted by the necessity of accessing hard copy.

We welcome applications for projects in the field of periodical studies that respond to and develop international research on any of the periodicals published between 1837 and 1939. Research topics could include, but are not restricted to:

- Journalism and literature
- Politics and periodicals
- The growth of gender and class-specific periodicals
- Periodicals and editorial theory
- The serialization of fiction within periodicals
- Archival research on neglected primary-source periodicals
- The 'periodical codes' (size, design, appearance) of periodicals published across the period, or a single, long-running periodical and the shifting of codes in response to changing cultural and social contexts

The Research Assessment Exercise results for 2008 placed English at De Montfort 9th out of 87 universities in the UK in The Times Higher Education Listing. 40% of our English research was given the highest grade of 4*, indicating world leading quality. The successful applicant will be an active member of both the Department of English and Creative Writing and the Centre for Textual Studies (CTS), which provides technical, methodological, theoretical, practical and administrative support for research projects associated with the Centre. Projects hosted by the CTS include The Browning's Correspondence Project, Virginia Woolf's 'Time Passes', and the AHRC-funded Modernist Magazines Project.

For a more detailed description of the studentship project please visit our [web site](#) or contact Dr. Deborah Mutch at dmutch@dmu.ac.uk

This research opportunity is one of 28 scholarships funded by DMU in 2011/12 to build on our excellent achievements in the RAE2008 and looking forward to REF2014. It will develop the university's research capacity into new and evolving areas of study, enhancing DMU's national and international research partnerships.

Applications are invited from UK or EU students with a good first degree (First, 2:1 or equivalent) in a relevant subject. Doctoral scholarships are available for up to three years full-time study starting October 2011 and provide a bursary of £13,770pa in addition to University tuition fees.

Applicants should contact the [Faculty Research Office](#) to receive an application pack, which requires a full CV with two supporting references. Please email Anne McLoughlin at amcloughlin@dmu.ac.uk or call +44 (0)116 250 6179 for further details.

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