**PhD studentship in educational research with CIEREI, School of Educational Sciences, Bangor University**

The Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI) at the School of Educational Sciences, Bangor University, invites applications for a **TWO** funded PhD studentship, aligned with our research interests and current priorities in education nationally and internationally. The studentships are due to commence early in 2023.

**Two Fully Funded PhD studentships**

We are seeking **two candidates with an interest and relevant background in one of the following areas** of research interests in our department:

* Welsh-medium education, bilingual education, language and literacy,
* Pedagogy: literacy, numeracy, science, outdoor, literary and expressive arts education
* Initial Teacher Education and HE Pedagogy
* Leadership and Professional Learning
* Additional Learning Needs: pupil motivation, Special Educational Needs (SEN) school effectiveness, and mentoring.

The exact nature and focus of your PhD research would be discussed in initial supervision meetings with the successful candidate. However, for the purpose of the application, we invite a brief proposal of a study within the areas outlined above. See below for further guidance and suggestions for how to approach this.

We are also looking for **a candidate to support one of our national research projects in collaboration with the Welsh Government, three universities and the Regional Consortia across Wales**. This project will specifically focus on researching the process of schools developing their reflection, enquiry and research engagement with a focus on developing pedagogical knowledge and practice in the school.

**WHAT IS THE CIEREI INSTITUTE?**

The mission of the CIEREI Institute is to contribute to the creation of co-produced close-to-practice impact evidence that informs policy and practice in order to have a positive impact on the learning and wellbeing outcomes for children, families and education staff, through schools.

**STUDY ENVIRONMENT**

The student will be a member of the School's active and growing research community, working closely with your supervisory team as well as collaborating with other Postgraduate Research Students, staff across the school, and with research networks nationally and internationally. Bangor is a friendly and affordable university town, with good transport links, located in one of the most beautiful parts of the UK, situated between the picturesque peaks and valleys of Snowdonia National Park and the golden beaches of the Isle of Anglesey.

**WHAT THE STUDENTSHIP WILL COVER**

The Studentship Award will commence in January 2023 and will cover your tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant.

The PhD will also include opportunities to develop teaching experience in the University setting and an expectation for the successful candidate to complete the PGCertHE and develop their lecturing experience during their studentship.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Studentships are highly competitive, candidates should have an excellent academic background in Education or related areas (e.g., Psychology), holding a 1st or strong upper 2nd class degree; it is usual for PhD applicants to also hold a relevant Masters qualification. Full awards (fees plus maintenance stipend) are open to UK Nationals and EU students who can satisfy UK residency requirements.

**APPLICATIONS
The closing deadline for applications is *31-01-23*** Short- listed applicants will be invited to interview, which are expected to take place as soon as possible.

**HOW TO APPLY**A **completed** application form, and accompanying documents for admission to doctoral study at Bangor University, should be submitted via the Direct Application Service at https://apps.bangor.ac.uk/applicant/ by the deadline.

Incomplete applications or applications received after this specified time will not be accepted. On the on-line application, please indicate that you are applying for the Open Call SOES studentshipunder the 'Finance' section. Please use the following working title under the 'Project title' section: *Open call for School of Educational Sciences PhD studentship.* Please specify the potential start date as **1st February 2023.**

The application **must** contain the following documents:

1. ***Covering letter***: Please address to Dr Emily Roberts-Tyler. The covering letter must name the studentship being applied for. It must set out your reasons and motivation for applying to study at Bangor University and the specific research area of interest; your understanding, and expectations of doctoral study; your academic interests generally, and particularly how these relate to at least one of the research areas indicated. The covering letter should be no more than two pages.
2. ***Academic / Professional Qualifications***: These studentships require a high degree of fluency in English. Fluency in Welsh is also desirable. Please indicate your ability to work through the medium of Welsh and English. Where appropriate, this should include proof any Welsh language qualifications and English Language Competency (7.0 IELTS minimum).
3. ***References***: All applications require two academic references to be submitted in support. *Candidates must approach referees themselves and include the references with their application.*
4. ***Curriculum Vitae***: This should be no longer than two pages.
5. ***Brief proposal on the chosen research area***: Your proposal should be up to a *maximum* of 1500 words, not including bibliographic references. We suggest that you use the following bullet points as a guide:
* An overview of some of the key issues you would be interested in studying within the chosen area, including some key and relevant research literature;
* A proposed study or area of research in this area
* Your ideas for developing the design and methods of the study;
* A description of potential outcomes of the project for our understanding, knowledge, policy and practice (as appropriate to the topic);
* Bibliographic references