



**New PhD Funding Opportunity in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Cardiff School of Social Sciences open only to applicants from the Caribbean and Guyana.**

The School of Social Sciences at Cardiff University is pleased to invite applications for the Professor Howard Jones Bursary (Research Masters & PhD Studentship) in the fields of criminology and criminal justice.

Cardiff is internationally recognised as being among the very top tier of Britain's research intensive universities and is a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading universities.

The Cardiff School of Social Sciences has over 160 staff and 1,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise rated almost all of its research to be of an international standard with 55% of it either "world leading" or "internationally excellent". This rating, together with the size of the School, places it amongst the top five centres in the UK.

Teaching is research-led and also reflects the School's inter-disciplinary focus. Students are taught about the latest ideas within the social sciences by internationally recognised scholars who are themselves shaping the future of their respective fields.

Thanks to a generous donation by the family of the late Professor Howard Jones (1918-2007), Head of the Department of Social Administration 1969-1984, the School is delighted to be able to offer the following bursary, in memory of Professor Jones and in recognition of his professional links in the areas specified.

**The Professor Howard Jones Bursary (Research Masters & PhD Studentship) – available to applicants from the Caribbean and Guyana starting in September 2011\*.**

Applications are invited from exceptional candidates for the Professor Howard Jones Bursary Research Masters and PhD Studentship available from September 2011. Applicants must be interested in pursuing the highest standards of research in the fields of criminology and criminal justice.

Applicants must have an upper second class honours degree or equivalent qualifications.

Candidates will be considered for entry onto the MSc in Social Science Research Methods (Criminology Pathway) in 2011/12 in the first instance, with a view to progressing to doctoral training from 2012/13 to 2014/15.

**Funding Package**

Tuition fees for the Research Masters and PhD will be covered by the School of Social Sciences. The Professor Howard Jones Bursary will provide the successful candidate with an annual stipend of £13,590 for the one year of the Research Masters (2011/12) and for each of the 3 years of the PhD (2012/13 – 2014/2015).

**How to Apply**

Applicants must complete Cardiff University's Postgraduate Application Form, which can be found at: <http://www.cf.ac.uk/for/prospective/pg/apply/sendingapplication/index.html>

Please note: we will only accept fully completed application forms and CVs will not be considered. Where English is not the applicant's first language, we do require an IELTS score of 7.0 or equivalent TOEFL.

With the expectation that candidates will progress after the Masters onto a PhD, potential applicants must produce a detailed initial outline description of their preferred research topic (typically 2-3 pages) which will form the basis for assessing the application, together with the completed application form and references. The research proposal will also be the means by which applicants are paired with potential supervisors. It is important that proposals are clear and concise, and should not be presented in less than a size 10 font.

An outline description of the proposed research should include:

- A suggested title for the proposed study
- A statement of the aims of the research, a context as to why your research is important
- A list of the questions to be addressed by the research, ideally no more than 2 or 3
- A brief summary of research that has already been undertaken in this field, addressing key literature and scholars in the field and demonstrating a depth and breadth of diversity in the literature
- An outline of the proposed design, including information on the sample and methods of data collection - include a plan for a three year timetable
- Implications for wider research, practical applications, policy implications and impact
- An indicative bibliography

Profiles and research interests of potential supervisors can be found here: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/cclj/contacts/index.html>

For further details about studying at Cardiff University please visit: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/inter/>

### **Informal Inquiries**

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**Closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011. References will be sought and telephone interviews will be held before the end of August 2011.**

\*Applicants can apply and defer entry until 2012/2013.