

Practice-based PhD Studentship in Film

Bournemouth Film School, an integral part of Arts University Bournemouth, invites applications for one full-time, fully funded studentship for a PhD in Film commencing autumn 2019.

The overarching objective of this practice-based study, supervised by Dr Andrew Vallance in association with other academic colleagues, is to investigate the question: 'As new technologies and formats for narrative storytelling evolve, what are the implications for established means of film production and audience engagement?'

This studentship supports research into the developing nature of film production and its relationship with storytelling, and will critically interrogate creative practices, in form and content, changing audience expectations and emerging technologies. This may include, but is not limited to, virtual and augmented reality projects, expanded and immersive cinema and hybrid forms. It should also consider how these developments may offer the opportunity for more diverse participation and representation.

As a practice-based study, it is expected that the research components would combine conceptual, theoretical and reflective writing alongside practical artefacts, which may include developmental material and/or prototypes, short films and/or installations that could be exhibited and/or screened in traditional or new media environments, which develops new knowledge and contributes creative insight to this exciting field.

While some universities are now offering courses or units that focus on new formats and outputs, they have yet to be fully integrated into film production education in the UK. This is certainly the case on the BA (Hons) Film Production and MA Film Practice courses at AUB. Therefore, another strand to this research may be to investigate how these new forms might be meaningfully incorporated into the curriculum.

Studentship

Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) is offering one fully funded studentship, offered on a full-time basis only. The successful applicant will have their fees paid and be awarded a University stipend (£15,009 per year) for up to three years. They will be expected to contribute up to six hours of academic duties a week. Please refer to the studentship terms and conditions for further details.

Applicants are also invited from those who wish to self-fund their studies on a full or part-time basis.

Person Specification and Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates for a PhD studentship must demonstrate outstanding qualities and be motivated to complete a PhD in three years (full-time) (or five years part-time).
- Applicants should hold a first or upper-second-class Honours degree and/or a Master's degree in film or other relevant discipline.
- Applicants with alternative qualifications/experience will be considered if they can demonstrate relevant achievement. Applicants whose first language is not English will be expected to have an IELTS score of at least 7.0 with 7.0 minimum in writing.

- In addition to satisfying basic entry criteria, AUB will look closely at the research potential and academic qualities of each candidate and what they can bring to their chosen research project in order to ensure successful and timely completion.
- Please note that this award is only available to nationals from the UK and EU and is not open to applicants who are liable to pay academic fees at the international fee rate and/or require a Tier 4 visa.

How to Apply

- All applicants should apply via the University's online application portal: <http://aub.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees/>
- As part of the application, you will be required to submit a 1500 word proposal that follows the guidelines available on the website, and two academic references. You should also upload a copy of your CV.
- You should clearly state in your proposal that you wish to be considered for the film studentship.
- Closing date for applications is **30 May 2019**. Successful candidates will be invited for interview at Arts University Bournemouth on **Tuesday 25 June 2019**.

Further information

Our Research Degrees are awarded in partnership with University of the Arts London. In your first year of registration, there will be three separate weeks attendance in London at the University of the Arts London Research Network (RNUAL) commencing late September 2019.

If you are interested in studying with us and have further questions, please contact the AUB Research Office: researchoffice@aub.ac.uk