

**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH  
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**Invitation to apply for the post of  
Director of the Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies**

The College of Humanities & Social Science seeks to appoint a Director of the recently-established Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies.

The appointment will be drawn from existing academic staff within the University, from any disciplinary background relevant to the activities of the Centre, who would normally be expected to be in post at grade UE09 senior lecturer/reader or UE10 professorial level.

This is a 0.2FTE part-time appointment. The appointment is for an initial term of three years from 1 August 2013 until end July 2016. The Director's School will be compensated for the proportion of working time released to be the Centre's Director.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Dorothy Miell ([d.e.miell@ed.ac.uk](mailto:d.e.miell@ed.ac.uk)).

Applications should be lodged with Vicky Watters in the College Office ([Vicky.Watters@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Vicky.Watters@ed.ac.uk)) by **Friday 24 May 2013**. Applications should include a CV, the names of two referees (at least one based within the University) and a statement outlining the candidate's interest in and aptitude for this post within the College and the wider university.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

**DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR  
CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**Salary Scale: the post is available as a 0.2FTE secondment for an existing  
member of academic staff in the University**

**FURTHER PARTICULARS**

The College of Humanities & Social Science seeks to appoint a Director for the recently-established Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies. The 0.2FTE position is available on a secondment basis for existing academic staff of the University of Edinburgh, from any disciplinary background, with research and teaching interests in Latin American Studies. The post is available for an initial three-year period. It is hoped that the appointee will be able to take up duties from 1 August 2013. The Director will be expected to help complete the establishment of the Centre and to lead and develop its activities, especially in recruiting, teaching and supervising postgraduate students, the formulation of projects for research-funding, and the organisation of conferences and other outreach activities. The Director will also contribute to the development and teaching of the MSc in Contemporary Latin American Studies and other courses and programmes associated with the Centre.

Applicants should have an international profile in research, proven expertise in teaching and supervising postgraduate students, experience in effective academic leadership and a record of success in applying for external research funding. Applications are welcome from scholars in any discipline area relevant to the Centre.

### **THE CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Our vision for the Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies is threefold. It will be a:

- dynamic centre in academic and cultural terms, focusing and enhancing Edinburgh's existing offering by bringing leading Latin American scholars and professionals from a number of fields to the United Kingdom;
- take on a leadership role for the study and understanding of Latin America within Scotland and beyond, both in terms of the postgraduate student body and in terms of the wider public; and
- become Britain's prime nexus for Latin American firms developing internationally, particularly in Scotland, Britain and Europe and vice versa, and for Scottish based firms developing in Latin America.

This ambitious project aims to draw together and enhance the already rich resources across the University dedicated to interdisciplinary research into contemporary Latin America, its cultures and societies, history, economics, trade and industry, politics, environment, architecture, law, scientific, creative and technological contributions.

The Centre will:

- recognise the significance of Latin America as an economic and cultural power, and afford it a proportionate and fitting academic profile at the University;
- enhance the academic discipline of Latin American Studies in a variety of subject areas;
- support the practical development of business and trade between Scotland, the wider UK, and Latin American Countries;
- create innovative interdisciplinary research and teaching;
- host a programmes of events and workshops; and
- help facilitate networking and trade missions.

This represents an initial outline of how the new Centre could be shaped. It is likely that the scope and focus of the Centre will evolve and develop over time in line with University priorities, external demands and the input of the Director and the other staff associated with the Centre.

### **COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/humanities-soc-sci>

The College of Humanities and Social Science is the largest and most diverse of the three Colleges in the University. Led by Vice-Principal Professor Dorothy Miell, it has 12,600 undergraduates, 4,500 taught postgraduates, 2,000 research students and more than 3,100 academic and support staff. The College incorporates 11 Schools (Business; Divinity; Economics; Edinburgh College of Art; Education; Health in Social Science; History, Classics and Archaeology; Law; Literatures, Languages and

Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences; and Social and Political Science), the Institute for Academic Development, the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and the Office of Lifelong Learning. The College is located on multiple sites across Edinburgh, with the majority of Schools and College Offices based in the central George Square area. The College, which is recognised as one of the world's leading centres for the arts, humanities and social sciences research and teaching, has been investing strongly in recent years.

The College operates at the highest levels of international quality across a very wide range of disciplines in the creative arts, humanities and social sciences. The College has been ranked by Times Higher Education/Thomson Reuters among the world's leading centres for research and teaching in the arts, humanities and social sciences, and had circa 60% of its research assessed as world-leading (4\*) and internationally excellent (3\*) in RAE2008.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Director of the Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies**

#### ***Post Grade:***

Dependent on current grade of appointee seconded to the post, but given the requirements for the post we would expect the postholder to already be operating at UE10 professorial or UE09 senior lecturer/reader level.

#### ***Organisational Unit:***

College of Humanities & Social Science

#### ***Responsible to:***

The Head of College

#### ***Main purpose of job:***

The Centre Director will oversee all activities related to Contemporary Latin American Studies as well as coalescing relevant academic groupings across the University. They will advance scholarship and engagement, develop interdisciplinary and cross-institutional partnerships, foster community and cultural understanding, implement the postgraduate programme, and help to ensure the sustainability of the Centre.

#### ***Main Duties and Responsibilities of the Post:***

The Director will

- co-ordinate the teaching, research and public engagement activities of the Centre;
- provide strategic, policy and professional direction to ensure effective governance, planning and strategy development in the Centre;
- develop a financial strategy for the Centre to ensure sustainability and potential for growth; and
- initiate projects and contribute to development of new academic initiatives to secure improvements to policy, procedure and operation of the Centre.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Skills Required</b>	Excellent communication skills (exposition and discussion/debate). Proven leadership and administrative ability. Established teaching expertise. Development of research projects and success in obtaining research funding.	IT skills relating to teaching and research.
<b>Knowledge Base</b>	Depth of knowledge (PhD+ level) of Latin American Studies. Appropriate competence in relevant languages.	Direct familiarity with contemporary issues in at least one of the countries in the region.
<b>Attainment</b>	PhD degree in relevant subject area. International recognition in research and publication in relevant subject area.	Membership of relevant professional societies.
<b>Experience</b>	Extensive successful teaching. Success in academic leadership, in conducting research projects, obtaining funding, and publication. Successful supervision of postgraduate research students.	Recruitment of research students internationally.
<b>Personal attributes</b>	Honest, reliable, highly motivated, high academic standards, collegial leadership style, cooperative with colleagues and in administrative structures, originality and initiative.	Sensitivity to students from a wide range of backgrounds.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Enquiries may be made by emailing Professor Dorothy Miell ([d.e.miell@ed.ac.uk](mailto:d.e.miell@ed.ac.uk)). It is expected that interviews will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

Please complete and return the Application form, a curriculum vitae (with two academic referees identified, at least one of whom is within the University) and a statement of your research and publication plan to Vicky Watters ([Vicky.Watters@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Vicky.Watters@ed.ac.uk)) by the closing date of **24 May 2013**.