CHASE EDI ambassador

We are seeking to appoint a doctoral researcher to a paid part-time role (4 hours per week, £13/hr) as Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Ambassador for the AHRC-funded doctoral training partnership, CHASE. This role is open to any current doctoral researcher registered in an arts / humanities doctoral programme at the University of Kent. The role will be tenable for one year from Autumn 2023 to Summer 2024. We expect a further Ambassador role (of one year duration) to be announced in Summer 2024.

Information about the role and context:

The EDI Ambassador role will develop and strengthen networks to support progression to postgraduate study in the arts and humanities from under-represented groups, working with existing EDI structures and knowledge at the University of Kent (e.g. the Student Success project and the partnership with Leading Routes), and also liaising with the EDI Ambassadors at each of the other CHASE institutions to build connections with related work (e.g. University of Sussex EDI Champions, SOAS Ebony Initiative, Goldsmiths University of London Generation Delta Project, University of Essex Transitions & Transformations: A Black Researcher’s Journey). The role will help to identify ways in which current arts and humanities doctoral researchers from under-represented groups can be effectively supported through the PhD. The EDI Ambassador will gain the opportunity to share issues and approaches through this initiative in ways that will provide them with valuable skills and experience, including engagement and evaluation.

You will form part of a team of eight CHASE EDI ambassadors across the CHASE consortium, which comprises the Universities of Kent, Sussex, Essex and East Anglia; the Courtauld Institute of Art; Goldsmiths, University of London; Birkbeck, University of London; and SOAS, University of London. You will be managed by the central CHASE team (based at the University of Sussex), and your mentors at Kent will be Dr Lois Lee and the CHASE academic lead. Training will be provided by the CHASE team.

The role activities will include:

- organising online and in-person events to promote postgraduate research (PGR) study, to explain the experience of being a doctoral researcher or to contribute to work aimed at de-mystifying PGR study and application processes;
- being a point of contact at Kent for activities with UG and PGT students who wish to find out more about PGR study and the application process;
- communicating about EDI-related matters at the institution, within the institution and consortium and more widely (e.g. on social media);
- contributing to promotional materials for PGR;
- working with existing widening participation projects across the CHASE consortium;
- helping to support local mentoring for doctoral researchers from under-represented groups, and connecting with CHASE Stuart Hall Foundation award holders.
**The applicant:**

We are looking for a doctoral researcher with excellent communication skills and a clear interest in EDI issues. You will also be able to demonstrate strengths in working collaboratively, as well as devising work programmes and projects independently. Experience of using social media in a professional or organizational capacity is desirable. You will have the ability to influence others and to work collaboratively with CHASE team members, with students at all levels, and with staff across the University, as well as with external organizations. You will have good IT skills and experience of presenting to the public.

**Details on how to apply:**

If this sounds like a good fit for you then please email Dr Lois Lee at L.A.Lee@kent.ac.uk and Felicity Clifford at f.clifford-254@kent.ac.uk attaching a CV and a cover letter (2 sides of A4 max) outlining why you are interested in the role, what you would bring to it, and your relevant experience. We’d love to hear from you.

Closing date: Monday 18th September, 23.59.

Please contact Dr Lee with any queries about the role.

The selection process may involve a short online interview (15 minutes maximum) the week commencing 25th September.