PhD Scholarship Opportunities in Communication, Cultural, Media and Film Studies

We offer an exciting interdisciplinary environment delivering research that provides critical insight and real-world impact. We have an active community of research students who form a key part of our vibrant research culture clustered around the Centre for Culture Media and Society. Explore previous and current projects at our SCII Impact Blog and browse our staff profiles. In REF 2021 79% of our research was assessed as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' and we were ranked in the top 12 of UK universities for the environment supporting research in Communication, Cultural & Media Studies. We are interested in receiving applications that relate to any of our areas of research expertise, or multidisciplinary projects across the Sheffield Creative Industries Institute:

Film and Television Studies

- Adaptation, screenwriting and creative collaboration
- The role of film and television in shaping cultural and social narratives: representations of gender, race, sexuality, class, disability, religion and nationality
- Reality and documentary television
- Nationalism, transnationalism and diaspora in European cultures and cinemas

Media, Culture and Society

- Digital culture and communities including social media platforms and content creation
- Celebrity, fan and audience cultures
- Digital inclusion and critical digital literacy
- Discourses of food and eating in media and institutional contexts

Folklore, Culture and Heritage

- Folklore and contemporary legend as expressed in culture, customs, communities, festivals and through mainstream and social media. The Centre for Contemporary Legend at SHU is home to the AHRC funded National Folklore Survey for England
- Critical heritage studies including the role of heritage practices and institutions in shaping culture and identity

PhD in Media & Communications at SHU

You will join a vibrant interdisciplinary community of PhD scholars and develop autonomy as a researcher through guided project planning, supervision and conference opportunities. We provide flexible training and development opportunities covering a range of research and career-related skills and you'll have access to dedicated postdoctoral office space.