**PhD STUDENTSHIP IN HUMANITIES**

**Robert Grosseteste (1170-1253) and the Science of Learning**

As part of our ambitious strategy for research, innovation and knowledge exchange, Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) is pleased to announce further PhD studentships in our ‘Future Research Leaders’ programme. We are offering a studentship in Humanities to commence in October 2017. The projects build on our successes in REF2014 which demonstrated world leading research across our submissions, and align with our strategic focus on interdisciplinary research. We are seeking applications from high quality UK and EU candidates for the project listed below.

Successful candidates will receive a bursary of £14,000 per year plus tuition fees for up to four years to study full time at BGU. The PhD is awarded by the University of Leicester under our validation partnership.

The closing date for applications is 14th July 2017.

Project:

Robert Grosseteste was a scientist, philosopher, theologian, translator and bishop of Lincoln in the 13th Century. As the first teacher of the Franciscans in Oxford, and almost certainly that university’s first Chancellor, he was also interested in many aspects of education. Grosseteste wrote at a very important time in the history of education in Europe. The 13th Century witnessed the beginnings of the university system. It was also marked by the arrival of new sources of ancient Greek philosophy via Arabic translations. In addition, many important Arab scientific works were having an impact on nascent scientific enquiry in the Latin west. Grosseteste played a crucial part in all of these developments as a scientist and philosopher and at present much work is taking place at Durham University assessing his contribution in these areas. However, Grosseteste also had a good deal to say about Education in such areas as what we should learn, how we acquire knowledge and what the acquisition of knowledge does. This area of Grosseteste’s thought remains largely undiscussed. This project will explore works such as De veritate and The Commentary on the Posterior Analytics in order to critically evaluate Grosseteste’s contribution to the history of educational thought. The candidate for this studentship might decide to approach their study from either a medieval historical perspective or alternatively they might offer to provide a modern critical assessment of Grosseteste’s contribution to our understanding of education.

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