



Aberystwyth-Texas Doctoral Exchange

The Department of English and Creative Writing is now inviting applications for the Aberystwyth-Texas doctoral exchange.

The exchange is an exciting opportunity for PhD students to experience a different learning environment by spending a semester in the *Department of English, Texas A&M University*.

During your stay at Texas you will be supervised by a member of the English Department who specialises in your area, have the opportunity to deliver a paper on your research and to contribute to some undergraduate seminars (on a voluntary basis only). The Department at Texas teaches creative writing and literary studies.

Only students already registered for a PhD will be eligible to apply. In the case of AU students these students must have already completed their probation period and be in the second year of full-time study (or the post-probation equivalent for part-time study), and must be registered students at AU for the duration of the exchange. The internal process for selection will involve a written application and an interview

If you are interested in, and eligible for, the exchange please complete an application form and submit the completed form to Dr Sarah Prescott by **Tuesday 1 May 2012** Informal enquiries can also be directed to Dr Prescott on scp@aber.ac.uk.

You can expect a decision on your application by 14th May 2012.

Further information about Texas A&M:

Opened in 1876 as Texas' first public institution of higher learning, Texas A&M University is a research-intensive flagship university with 38,000-plus undergraduates and more than 9,000 graduate students studying in over 250 degree programs in 10 colleges. This research-intensive flagship university with 10 colleges was recently ranked first in the nation by *Smart Money* magazine for "pay-back ratio" (what graduates earn compared to the cost of their education). The 2011 *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Texas A&M second nationally in their "Great Schools, Great Prices" category among public universities and 22nd overall. Many degree programs are ranked among the top 10 in the country. The University has collaborative links on a range of projects with a number of UK universities, including: University of London, University of Edinburgh, University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Birmingham, University of Newcastle, University of Cardiff, Queen's University Belfast.

The Department of English at Texas A & M University has played an important role on campus since the University's founding in 1876, when "Languages and Literature" was designated as one of the original four courses of study. The English department proper was founded in 1877, with Professor and General L. M. Lewis as its head. English was the first department in the College of Liberal Arts to offer graduate degrees, establishing its M. A. program in 1962 and the Ph. D. in 1967. Now in its second century, the Department of English maintains a tradition of excellence in research and teaching at all levels.

The Department has 90 faculty, 100 graduate students, and 700 undergraduate majors, and is built upon a long tradition of study in literature and language, writing and reading, culture and interpretation. Rooted in British and American literary scholarship, the interests of faculty extend to creative writing, rhetoric and discourse studies, gender and women's studies, film and technology, and a wide range of literatures and varieties of English, including African American and African Diaspora, Latina/o, Asian American, and South Asian studies.