

PhD Studentship: Decolonising Commodities: An Examination of Diversity and Social Justice in the Global Chocolate Industry

Project description

This exciting and original PhD project investigates how the notion of decolonisation can be applied to chocolate. There has been a lot of concern in recent years about farmer poverty, child labour and other problems in the global cocoa/chocolate supply chain and a plethora of initiatives have been put in place to try to address them. However, the effectiveness of many of these initiatives has been questioned. Furthermore, policymaking in this area is often characterised by top-down approaches, Western perspectives, and prejudiced media representations of farming communities. Based on qualitative research with stakeholders whose voices are less often heard in policymaking such as child workers, farming communities or independent craft chocolate makers, this PhD will provide an alternative strategic framework including visual and discursive insights for bringing about greater equity and social justice in the chocolate sector.

Funding

DMU is offering a fully-funded 3-year PhD scholarship for this work, **commencing on 1st October 2021**. The stipend is pegged to the UKRI rate, currently at £15,609 per annum. **Lead Supervisor** is Dr Amanda Berlan (amanda.berlan@dmu.ac.uk)

Applicants must:

- Possess a UK Honours degree with at least an upper second class (or overseas equivalent), a Masters Degree or an academic or professional qualification plus experience in their sector or industry.
- Demonstrate competence in the use of the English language. Please see section 5b [here](#) for further details on meeting our English language entry criteria.

How to apply

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