The Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership (NINE DTP) invites top-calibre applicants to apply to its doctoral studentships competition 2020/2021. Over fifty fully-funded doctoral studentships are available across the full range of the social sciences, including Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Sociology, and Linguistics. This competition also welcomes applicants interested in Language Based Area Studies, with scholarships available for candidates focusing on Iberian-American Studies.

The NINE DTP is a joint venture between the universities of:

Newcastle, Durham, Queen's Belfast, Ulster, Northumbria, Teesside, and Sunderland, and is one of the largest and most innovative of the ESRC’s national network of doctoral training centres.
We are a centre of excellence for postgraduate social science scholarship, offering students a world-class, interdisciplinary environment for doctoral training and research. Our aim is to deliver outstanding doctoral education in the social sciences, and successful applicants will join a thriving cohort of over forty ESRC funded PhD students recruited through last year’s studentship competition.

Successful applicants will receive exceptional supervision by academic staff researching at the cutting edge of their disciplines, vibrant research environments that promote interdisciplinary enquiry, and research training and career development opportunities tailored to the needs of twenty-first century researchers.

At Newcastle, NINE DTP students benefit from the existence of a dynamic academic community which approaches Latin America from a broad range of disciplinary perspectives. Newcastle University researchers investigate the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America and the Caribbean, from Mexico in the North to Argentina in the South. We also undertake research on Latin American and Caribbean diasporas in Europe, North America, and beyond.
### SUPERVISION AREAS

The Iberian and Latin American Area Studies pathway provides the opportunity to work within and across disciplines, with supervision in the following main areas:

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<td>Researchers at Newcastle have a sustained interest in multilingual societies, minoritized languages, indigenous languages and the social dynamics among their speakers. We welcome proposals to work on sociolinguistic topics to do with language and social interaction in multilingual settings and language and indigenous rights. Our work also investigates cultural production in arenas of music and visual culture, as well as concerns regarding the protection and development of heritage and its interaction with identity and would be pleased to provide supervision on these and related topics.</td>
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How has domination been structured and contested in Latin America and the Caribbean, from colonial times to the present? How have histories of colonialism, slavery, and indigenous exclusion contributed to the organization of Latin American and Caribbean societies today? We welcome proposals that focus on formal and informal politics, state formation, nation-building, school reforms, gender relations, race, religion, and the development and reproduction of capitalism in Latin America and the Caribbean.
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MOBILITY, LIVELIHOOD AND EVERYDAY LIFE

Researchers on the Iberian Peninsula, Latin America and the Caribbean at Newcastle investigate labour processes and the maintenance of livelihoods, particularly in the informal sector. Ongoing projects in urban settings examine everyday processes by which people lay claim to cities or spaces within them. We welcome proposals that examine historical and contemporary processes of labour, livelihood and mobility, including transnational migration and movement within national boundaries.

RESOURCES, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

We have particular expertise in extractive industries and their consequences, the politics of water rights, and in the condition and health of marine resources such as fisheries and coral reefs. Our medical research focuses on epidemiology in contexts of social inequality. We welcome proposals that connect with these areas.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

• Fees and maintenance at the UK Research Councils’ national rate.
• A research training support grant (RTSG) to fund the costs of study abroad, conference attendance and fieldwork.
• Financial support to attend our cohort-building events.
• Financial support to incorporate short-term placements, international study visits and specialist training events in order to develop your skills.
• Financial support for specific research needs such as language training.

Please direct further enquiries about our supervisory offer to the pathway leader, Dr Nick Morgan (nicholas.morgan@ncl.ac.uk).

For information on our researchers in Latin America and the Caribbean look for our pages at the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies https://www.ncl.ac.uk/clacs/.

Further details are in the Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies pages in the School of Modern Languages website.

For further details about the application process, please see https://www.ninedtp.ac.uk/. 