

Meetings of Minds Fellowship, Teaching and Learning Research Programme

Final report

In April 2007, I applied to the Meetings of Mind TLRP Fellowship mentoring scheme. The Fellowship started in September 2007 and concluded in December 2008. During this period I have much benefited from the support of my mentor, Prof. Chris Skelton, Birmingham University. In this short report, I will highlight how during the course of the fellowship I have reached the aims stated in the initial application.

Research activities, through the preparation of appropriate bids (ESRC First Grants scheme if renewed), so as to enable the applicant to act in a Principal Investigator role

In the autumn of 2007, I have submitted a proposal to the ESRC Small Grant programme (*The discursive construction of equality issues by secondary school teachers: a cross-national comparison between England and France*). The proposal was rejected, although it was described as an 'application which the Board wished to support in principle, but for which insufficient funds were available'. The proposal was revised and resubmitted. The resubmission has been accepted and I am awaiting notification of the outcomes.

In parallel, I have also continued to write a number of proposals to a wide range of diverse funding bodies, as co-author and lead author, some of which have been successful. Over the past year, I have acted as principal investigator on two research projects, as well as contributing to three other major research projects.

Publishing, through developing a strategy for publishing papers, developing a rich portfolio of publications, and preparing a book proposal

During this period, I have continued to quickly expand my publication record. I have authored or co-authored a number of journal articles, book chapters and research reports (see my curriculum vitae attached). The preparation of a book proposal has been postponed. I am in the final stage of writing my PhD thesis and it thus seems much appropriate to wait for completion before starting this new project.

Scholarly activities, through developing a strategy to increase the mentee's involvement in academic journals, for example in the first instance by contacting editors and publishers to coordinate a special issue

I am now on the editorial board of *Gender and Education* and a reviewer for an increasing number of high-ranking academic journals. I have also continued a number of scholarly activities. This includes convening the British Educational Research Association (BERA) Special Interest Group (SIG) on Comparative and International Education and the running of a seminar series (New Approaches in Comparative Education), funded by BERA.

The elaboration of a longer-term plan for the aftermath of the TLRP fellowship

It has been agreed with Prof. Chris Skelton that we will meet in March this year to elaborate a longer-term plan. This will include discussing ways to get funding to develop research ideas and explore ways to develop my publication record further.

From my perspective, the fellowship has been very useful as it has given me access to advice and support, from a key scholar in my field of expertise.

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