

De Montfort University

Graduate School Full Bursary PhD Scholarship

The Legacy of Alfred Hugh Fisher and the Colonial Office Visual Instruction Committee (COVIC) / Photographic History

Photographic History Research Centre (PHRC)
School of Humanities, Faculty of Arts, Design and Humanities
De Montfort University, Leicester

**In collaboration with the Royal Commonwealth Society department
at Cambridge University Library**
University of Cambridge, Cambridge.

COMMENCING OCTOBER 2017

A PhD research scholarship including stipend and tuition fee costs is offered within the Photographic History Research Centre in the School of Humanities. It is available to UK or EU students who are suitably qualified and have outstanding potential as researchers.

In offering this scholarship the University aims to further develop its proven research strengths in the study of photographic histories, practices and cultures. It is an excellent opportunity for a candidate of exceptional promise to contribute to a stimulating, world-class research environment.

The Colonial Office Visual Instruction Committee (COVIC) was a body charged in 1902 with creating a visual record of Britain's overseas territories for use in British schools. Cambridge University Library (CUL) maintains its photographic archives, and this project will focus on the Fisher Photograph Collection. Mainly comprising of photographs taken by artist and amateur photographer Alfred Hugh Fisher in 1907-1910, the collection documents changes to physical and sociocultural environments across the globe during the first decade of the twentieth century. A collaboration between the PHRC and CUL, this project will explore the significance of visual records in cultural exchange, and how subsequent re-use of images from the Fisher Photograph Collection led to innovative understandings of 'other' cultures and lands.

For a more detailed description of the scholarship, the subject area at DMU and an application pack please visit <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/research/graduate-school/phd-scholarships.aspx>. Please direct academic queries to Dr Gil Pasternak on +44 (0)116 201 3951 or email gpasternak@dmu.ac.uk. For administrative queries contact the Graduate School office email: researchstudents@dmu.ac.uk, tel: 0116 250-6309. Completed applications should be returned together with two supporting references and an academic transcript.

Applications are invited from UK or EU students with a Master's degree or good first degree in a relevant subject (First, 2:1 or equivalent). Doctoral scholarships are available for up to three years full-time study commencing in October 2017 consisting of a bursary of £14,296 per annum in addition to waiver of tuition fees.

Please quote ref: ADHFB2

CLOSING DATE: Monday 10th April, 2017. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held by Friday 28th April approximately.