



Amy Buller PhD Scholarship:
Cumberland Lodge
in conjunction with
Royal Holloway, University of London





Cumberland Lodge, an independent educational charity in Windsor Great Park, is proposing to jointly fund a doctoral studentship with Royal Holloway, University of London for the 2014-15 academic year. This is available from 22nd September 2014 for 3 years full-time. In addition to covering Home/EU tuition fees, this scholarship offers a maintenance award of £12,600 per annum. Please note that this award is not available to non EU or UK domiciled students.

This scholarship, named after one of the founders of the charity based at Cumberland Lodge, is open to candidates from any academic discipline who wish to embark on a doctorate in a field sympathetic to the Lodge's charitable objectives. The scholarship provides an exciting and unique opportunity for an emerging scholar to research an area of 'contemporary ethical concern', ideally with an interdisciplinary perspective. The award-holder will also play a part in the residential life of Cumberland Lodge, which has the feel of both a college and a country house conference centre. The student will be attached to a suitable academic department at Royal Holloway for supervision and research training purposes and will also receive supervisory input from Cumberland Lodge.

The appointment is to support a doctoral student for 3 years full time, with the expectation that the award-holder also contributes 10 residential weekend duties at Cumberland Lodge per annum and assists in the Lodge's work with postgraduate students.

Cumberland Lodge

Cumberland Lodge is the home of an educational charity which was founded in 1947. The Lodge, which is a fine 17th century country house, is owned by the Crown and was made available to the charity by King George VI.

The Lodge seeks to promote thinking and discussion for the 'betterment of society' through its own programme of events, by working in partnership with others, and by providing high class residential educational facilities for a wide range of academic, public and professional bodies. Regular users of Cumberland Lodge include the Government, the National Health Service, and the Inns of Court. The charity places particular importance on higher education, and since its foundation thousands of students from universities in Britain and elsewhere have come to Cumberland Lodge for conferences, retreats, reading parties and other activities.

Cumberland Lodge is located in the heart of Windsor Great Park, 2.8 miles from the Royal Holloway Campus.

Further information about the Lodge can be found on the website www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk.

Cumberland Lodge PhD Scholarship Research Areas

Applications will be considered for research in any academic area, however priority will be given towards research into areas of 'contemporary ethical concern', ideally with an interdisciplinary perspective. To find out more about research areas that would be sympathetic to the charitable objectives of the foundation, please take a look at the reports, as well as recent and forthcoming events on the Cumberland Lodge website.

Research could be in the following areas:

- Sociology
- Social policy and criminology
- Public health
- Politics and society
- Religion and society (with an emphasis on interfaith issues)
- Economics and society

- Philosophy and society
- Management and society
- Science, technology and society
- Institutional history of Cumberland Lodge broadly construed (i.e. post-war education policy; biographical research on key founders of the charity; the impact of political ideology on teaching methods in pre-second world war German education and elsewhere; philosophy of education, with an emphasis on moral development)

Applications will be assessed according to the academic and interdisciplinary merits as well as the research design of the proposed project, potential academic and non-academic impact and engagement with issues of contemporary ethical importance as well as the preparedness and suitability of the candidate for doctoral study. Candidates will need to send a 1000 word proposal, copies of their academic transcripts and a resume or CV to show published work and any relevant paid or voluntary work experience. You will also need the names of two academic referees.

Person specification

This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will commence a new doctoral course full-time in the academic year 2014-15. It is not open to applicants who have already started a doctorate.

In addition to academic excellence, it is essential that the award-holder has a good public and professional manner, preferably has some experience of part time work in a residential context (e.g. a tutor in a hall of residence) and is able to take responsibility when fulfilling residential duties at Cumberland Lodge (including being willing to have training in First Aid, operating the fire alarms, etc.). A valid car driving licence is also desirable.

Residential Duties

The person on duty is both an ambassador for Cumberland Lodge and its educational objectives, and a back-up in case of emergency. Weekend duties normally run from 5pm on Friday until 5.30pm on Sunday. The person on duty remains on-site and has a walkie-talkie throughout the weekend. He or she first gives a welcome and introductory talk to university students on an academic retreat at Cumberland Lodge. The talk should cover the house rules (smoking, alcohol, private areas, after dusk policy), arrangements for the Royal Chapel, and a history of Cumberland Lodge with an emphasis on its charitable activities.

During the weekend the person on duty should eat meals with the group in order to interact and be hospitable. Similarly, the person on duty should attend at least one session of the visiting group. Though Cumberland Lodge is a Christian foundation, we welcome applicants of any belief, providing they are willing to escort guests of the Lodge to, and attend, a Church of England service in the Royal Chapel in the Great Park on Sundays as one of their residential duties.

The award holder will be expected to contribute 10 residential weekend duties per annum, dates to be agreed with the successful applicant.

Other duties

The award holder will also be expected to take part in Cumberland Lodge's annual conference for doctoral students, and to assist in the selection of Cumberland Lodge postgraduate scholars.

Award

The full award is £12,600 p.a. maintenance plus RHUL Home/EU tuition fees and £500 p.a. towards research expenses. When required to fulfil residential duties at Cumberland Lodge, a fully furnished room in the Lodge with en-suite facilities will be provided free of charge, and all meals will also be provided during duty weekends.

The award-holder will be offered every opportunity to benefit from an association with the educational charity, including invitations to high-profile conferences, lectures and seminars. In addition to being given access to a range of public figures and being privy to the latest thinking on areas of ethical importance, the award-holder will be expected to offer regular updates on the progress of their research to Cumberland Lodge staff and trustees as appropriate. The award-holder will also be offered opportunities to contribute essays, blogs and informal talks to visiting groups thereby enhancing their own public engagement profile as well as contributing to the impact of the charitable foundation itself.

The doctoral research will be supervised by academic staff at Royal Holloway, University of London. This supervision will be supplemented by mentoring and support from academic staff and associates of Cumberland Lodge.

How to apply

The application process for the scholarship is as follows:

1. Make informal enquiries

You are encouraged to contact the postgraduate administrator, or [director of graduate studies](#) at Royal Holloway, University of London, for specific information on current opportunities available, and to see if there is a member of staff who may be interested in overseeing your research.

You will need to provide details about your research interests as well as a summary of your academic qualifications (a brief one to two page CV will be useful) and mention that you are applying for the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship.

Your enquiry will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff who will be able to provide detailed guidance on what is required for application.

2. Submit an application

When you have secured a supervisor for your research project you should then submit an application form using the [online application system](#) for 2014. The deadline for applications for the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship is 28th March 2014.

One of the most important aspects of your application is the research proposal. Typically a research proposal should describe the academic background to the research as well as providing some aims of the project and the research methods to be used.

Your potential supervisor will be able to help you with the discipline-specific requirements for the research proposal.

Shortlisted candidates will also be interviewed by Cumberland Lodge.

If you would like clarification of the terms and conditions of the award, please contact:

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