

**Institute of Historical Research  
School of Advanced Study, University of London**

**IHR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (Doctoral) 2023-24  
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

The Institute of Historical Research administers up to thirteen, six-month IHR Research Fellowships in History:

- The Isobel Thornley Bequest offers three Fellowship (6 months) which is open to candidates regardless of nationality but only to those registered for a PhD at the University of London.
- Scouloudi offers six Fellowships (6 months).
- Royal Historical Society offers four Fellowships (6 months)

**ELIGIBILITY**

The Fellowships are intended as completion awards. They will be awarded to students who are engaged in doctoral research in history (broadly defined) and who will have completed at least three years of full-time or four years of part-time research on their doctoral programme (and not more than four years' full-time or six years' part-time) at the beginning of the academic year in which the awards will be held. Adjustments to these timings will be made for North American degrees, which are longer in duration. Fellowships will normally be tenable for six months.

These awards cannot be held in conjunction with any other substantial maintenance grant.

Fellows may engage in teaching or other paidwork for up to six hours per week.

**STIPENDS**

All, six-month Fellowships will be worth £7863 which will be paid in two quarterly instalments.

A condition of the awards is that Fellows will participate actively in the academic life of the Institute. They will be required to attend and present papers at appropriate IHR seminars and to give information and help to fellow scholars working in the same field.

**VISAS**

Fellows, if they do not already have the right to reside and study in the UK, will require a visa, and must ascertain what category of visa is most suitable for them. Further details of visa categories can be found at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visitingtheuk/>

The University of London is licensed to issue sponsorship certificates for Tier 5 visas, a fellow needs to apply for a sponsorship certificate please enquire from the IHR Fellowship Office.

## **DEADLINES**

- Complete applications must be received at the Institute of Historical Research no later than **31st May 2023**. Incomplete applications or applications arriving after this date will not be considered. It can take up to 24 hours for your online application account to be approved when you initially set it up so please be sure to open the account well in advance of the submission deadline.

## **APPLICATION FORMAT**

Hard copy applications will be deemed ineligible. Only applications made using the IHR's online application system will be considered.

- Applications for which the requested supporting documents (one-page CV, thesis summary and timetable for thesis completion) are not uploaded will be deemed ineligible.

## **REFERENCES**

Once an application has been short-listed, a standard email will be sent to the addresses supplied by the applicant in the 'Referees' section of the online application form. Applicants may arrange instead for a portfolio of generic references to be sent by their university, where such a service is offered. In that case, the box in the 'Referees' section marked 'Portfolio to follow' should be ticked, and the referee details left blank.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his/her referees supply letters in support of the application.

## **THE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDY**

Applicants are strongly advised to investigate the resources that are available to them within the University of London, and particularly at the School of Advanced Study, to which the IHR belongs. Details can be found at [www.lon.ac.uk](http://www.lon.ac.uk) and [www.sas.ac.uk](http://www.sas.ac.uk)

## FINAL REPORT

Within three months of the end of the Fellowship period, each Fellow will send to the Institute of Historical Research (by email) a written report on the Fellowship experience, detailing the activities undertaken during the period of his/her Fellowship and an outline of future career plans.

## SELECTION POLICIES

A committee of senior historians will in the first instance draw up a short list of interview candidates from eligible applicants. The committee will assess the quality of applications with reference to the following criteria:

- The academic record of the candidate as exhibited by the CV;
- The importance of the thesis research to the applicant's field;
- The prospects for completing research within the time projected and funds awarded;
- All other considerations being equal, the candidate's likely contribution to the academic life of the IHR.

## APPLICATION CONTENTS

As well as completing the 'Personal Details', 'Education' and 'Referees' sections, applicants should also upload the following three documents:

- A double-sided, one-page CV (maximum), listing any educational details, publications, research papers and other relevant academic information not submitted elsewhere in the application. ***Your name must be included on all pages.***
- An outline of the subject of thesis research (no more than 750 words). ***Your name and page numbers must be included on all pages.***
- A timetable for thesis completion, including details of chapters still to be written/edited and any additional research to be undertaken (no more than 500 words). ***Your name and page numbers must be included on all pages.***

**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.**