

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-04-21

Faculty:	FLAS	Department:	HSS
Lead Supervisor:	Professor Andrew King		
Project Title: Publishing about Nature in the Anthropocene 1600-1900			
Project Description: <p>This PhD project originates in the contradiction between how multi-national publishing companies rely on questionable labour and environmental practices while publishing texts that promote sustainable and socially equitable values. How far back this contradiction between published ideologies and real-world practice goes is the research question at the heart of this PhD. The candidate will develop an interdisciplinary overview tracing the environmental impact of publishing in any period from the beginning of the Anthropocene (c. 1610) to 1900 and contrast this material history with the claims of selected publications that advocate conservation of the natural and social egalitarianism, especially concerning women and working-class writers.</p> <p>The PhD candidate will also work closely with St Bride’s Foundation making use of its exceptional printing archive to develop their research and to support/increase the profile of the Foundation and its project-related activities.</p> <p>The research topic would be suitable for researchers in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literature• Publishing/ Media History• Material Texts• Environmental Humanities <p>Applications due: Friday 7 January 2022</p> <p>Interviews: week of 7 February 2022</p> <p>Start Before: 1 May 2022</p>			
Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study or 6 Years, Part-Time		
Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance): <p>Year 1: £15,609 (FT) or pro-rata (PT) Year 2: In line with UKRI rate Year 3: In line with UKRI rate</p> <p>In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university’s Home rate, currently £4,500 (FT) or pro-rata (PT), for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.</p>			

Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:	
Criteria:	E or D
Education and Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class or 2nd class, First Division (Upper Second Class) Honours Degree or a taught Master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 8 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, unless the degree above was taught in English and obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA. 	E
Experience & Skills:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of undertaking research in the research topic or a related area (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding written and spoken communication skills 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding organisational skills 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working with non-academic professional bodies or the general public 	D
Personal Attributes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully 	E
Other Requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PhD project research proposal that is related to the research area 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scholarship must commence before 1 May 2022 	E

For further information contact: Professor Andrew King E-mail: a.king@gre.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: *midnight UTC on 7 January 2022*

Making an application:

Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: <https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process>. Applications need to be made online via this link. **No other form of application will be considered.**

All applications **must include** the following information. **Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.**

- Scholarship Reference Number (VCS-FLAS-04-21)**– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- a research proposal related to the subject topic ***
- a CV including 2 referees ***
- academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTS/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency ***

**upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.*

Before submitting your application you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above.