

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-05-19

Faculty: Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department: School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Lead Supervisor: Dr Vanessa Taylor

Project Title: Immigration, ethnicity and the material cultures of home life in post-war Britain

Project Description:

This scholarship provides an opportunity to explore the roles of immigration and ethnicity in changing material cultures of the home in Britain from 1948 to the 1980s.

Policy concerns with sustainable behaviour have contributed to recent academic interest in changing patterns of everyday life. Scholars have examined differences of class, gender and region that contributed to uneven domestic changes in the twentieth century (e.g. in cooking, heating and laundry) but have paid little attention to ethnicity, race or nationality. This study focuses on the decades after the 1948 British Nationality Act when people from the 'New Commonwealth' arrived, bringing their own domestic cultures.

The successful candidate can develop the project in her/his own direction, but some questions to address include:

- How did first- and second-generation migrants experience British domestic environments?
- How were their domestic cultures affected by social policies and racism in housing?
- Can diverse practices in British homes today tell us about how domestic patterns are transformed or persist over time?

The candidate will undertake archival research across a range of sources, as well as oral history, and engage with historical/other scholarship in fields such as material culture, consumption, energy, sustainability, migration and race relations.

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Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study
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Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):
 Year 1: £15,009 Year 2: In line with RCUK rate Year 3: In line with RCUK rate
 In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home/EU rate, currently £4,327, for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee, currently £9,173, for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.

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 6.5 (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 (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of studying or undertaking research in the history or historical sociology of material culture or consumption studies 	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of studying or undertaking research in the history or historical sociology of migration and/or race relations in the UK 	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"> This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA 	E
<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 30 September 2019 	E

Closing date for applications: *midnight UTC on Mon 15 July 2019*

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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 (Ref)**– 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.