

University of Edinburgh (Graduate School of History, Classics and Archaeology) and National Museums Scotland (Department of Scottish History & Archaeology)

The Material Culture of Mass Politics in Scotland, c.1815 – c.1914: AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Studentship

Applications are invited for an AHRC-funded PhD studentship. One studentship will be awarded in 2017 (start date 1 October 2017) to the best applicant who meets the criteria below. The scholarship will be awarded over three years and comprises a stipend of £15103 per annum plus tuition fees at UK/EU rates.

The Studentship

The 'long nineteenth century' witnessed the development of a mass politics replete with material culture. This was especially evident around questions of parliamentary reform. Flags and banners, rosettes, commemorative medals, statues and monuments all made for a rich political life that was prominent in civic spaces and shaped individual and collective experiences.

In exploring the relationship of objects to mass politics the student will be encouraged to develop his/her research with reference to a number of questions:

- Who made different objects and for what purposes?
- How were political objects displayed or used and what meanings did they hold for those who owned, used or displayed them?
- How can we explain the survival, re-use, and collection of the material culture of politics?

By conducting intensive research into the collections at National Museums Scotland and collections elsewhere in Britain, the student will make original contributions to understanding the development of 'modern' politics in Scotland and to how historians, museums and educators can best interpret the material artefacts of past political cultures.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be suitably qualified at undergraduate and postgraduate Masters degree level, which will include a proven interest in material culture and/or political history.
- Applicants must submit a covering letter, an application form, a sample of academic writing (c.3000 words) and final or interim transcripts of marks to date for undergraduate and Masters degree programmes.
- For candidates who are shortlisted, we also will require two favourable academic references.
- Please note that the award is subject to the AHRC's terms, to which applicants should refer before applying (see the Research Funding Guide at the bottom of this page on the AHRC website <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/research/researchfundingguide/>). Note that overseas students are not eligible for AHRC awards (except under

specific circumstances) and EU students need to assess whether they are eligible for fees and maintenance or fees only.

Further Information and Application Procedure

In the first instance, candidates should apply for this award solely using this form, and should not use the relevant University online application procedure at this stage. You may request further particulars and an application form from <http://www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/graduate-school/fees-funding/funding/phd/cda-scholarship>

Selection Procedure

A short-listing meeting will be convened and short-listed candidates will be interviewed in Edinburgh or via video conference on 12 May 2017. The successful candidate then be required to submit an application for postgraduate study to the University of Edinburgh.

The application deadline is 26 April 2017.