Dear Prospective PhD Researcher,

Re: Postgraduate Research and Studentships at the Department of Archaeology, School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Reading

Thank you very much for your interest in Postgraduate Research Studies at the Department of Archaeology, University of Reading. The Department of Archaeology in the School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Sciences University of Reading welcomes applications for PhD research. The Department provides:

- a world-class research environment that achieved the top score in Archaeology in the UK for world-leading (4*) and internationally-excellent (3*) research in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, with friendly staff and active Research Clusters and seminar programmes
- supervision spanning social and scientific archaeology, the Palaeolithic to the Medieval periods and regions of UK, Europe, Mediterranean, Middle East, North Africa and South America (please see staff list below)
- doctoral training through the Reading Researcher Development Programme and, by application, the new AHRC and NERC Doctoral Training Partnerships and PhD in Collections Based Research
- opportunities for specialist training in the humanities and sciences in the Department and University
- access to a wide range of research facilities including state-of-the-art analytical techniques and expertise, libraries, project archives, digital technologies and resources
- a wide range of PhD types to suit your specific needs: including PhD By Thesis, PhD By Published Works; PhD by Distance (normally overseas), and PhD Plus for Overseas Lecturers

There are a wide range of scholarships and funding opportunities for doctoral research at the Department of Archaeology. Please contact us to ensure that you are entered for all of the studentships and funding that you are eligible for. Studentships and funding opportunities are listed on the Department and Graduate School web-pages. For entry from October 2017 these include studentships for:

**Student led research proposals**

- [University of Reading International Research Studentships](#). Closing date 26 January 2018.
- [Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships for Canadian students](#) to study for a PhD in the UK. Closing date 8 Dec 2017. Please contact us immediately.
- [Marshall Scholarships for USA students to study for a graduate degree in UK for entry October 2018](#). (2019) Closing date October 2018.
- [Commonwealth Scholarships for PhD](#) (To be confirmed by CSC)
- [University of Reading/China Scholarship Council PhD Funding](#). Closing date 26 January 2018.
- [Felix Scholarships](#) For students from India. Closing date 30 January 2018.
- [AHRC South West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership](#) (AHRC SWW DTP) Studentships. Closing dates: 14 December 2017 for expressions of interest for the advertised Collaborative Doctoral Awards; 11 January 2018 for application submission. There will be an Open Day at the University of Reading for this on Monday 4 December 2.15-4pm 2017, if you wish to attend please contact elena.bedisti@reading.ac.uk.
Wellcome Trust Doctoral Studentships. This external funding scheme enables researchers to undertake humanities or social science doctoral degrees in any area of health, at and with sponsorship from an eligible host organisation. Please contact us for further information. Closing date for applications 28 March 2018.

University of Reading Wilkie Calvert Co-supported PhD studentships: Building research-focused partnerships with employers (UK/EU Fees only studenthip for up to 5 years part-time. (Deadline 1 February 2018)

University of Reading Regional Bursaries for students who normally live within 25km of Reading. Closing date 1 May 2018.

Advertised PhD research topics


External Partnership Building Studentships (Co-funded. Closing dates c. 1 December and c. 1 May. Please contact us for further details)

AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Partnership awards (closing dates early Spring 2018)

Project specific PhD studentships (to be announced throughout the year)

PhD in Collections based research fees only studentships (To be confirmed)

The AHRC SWW Doctoral Training Partnership is a consortium of eight leading universities with research supervision and training expertise across an exceptionally wide range of Arts and Humanities subjects, and a network of prestigious international, national and regional organisations representing the arts, heritage, media and government sectors. AHRC funded students (UK and EU) conducting PhD research in this Consortium have:

- excellent supervisory teams in a network of 8 Universities (Aberystwyth, Bath, Bath Spa, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, Reading and Southampton)
- access to resources and an extensive ‘menu’ of subject training from across the Consortium, including that offered by our external partner organisations
- doctoral training in The Professional Arts and Humanities Researcher Programme, including in public engagement, impact and knowledge exchange - vital to contemporary research, as well as in an understanding of the cultural economy and the digital humanities. This Programme is delivered in collaboration with our prestigious partner organisations.
- engagement in cross-disciplinary activities fostered by thematic Research Clusters to extend postgraduate research development and training and to enable trans-disciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange, vital to future academic and professional careers.

The following links provide further information on our PhD opportunities:

- how to apply
- how to write a research proposal
- funding and fees
- language requirements. Please note English language requirements for PhD are an IELTS English language score of 6.5 or equivalent. If you do not have this already, the University can advise on this and provide opportunities for training. Please e-mail: psadmissions@reading.ac.uk

International student study and life

Please contact us if you have any questions and wish to apply or visit at any time (Prospective supervisor, myself or sages-pg-admissions@reading.ac.uk). Thank you for your interest in these opportunities.

Looking forward to hearing from you, with best wishes and regards,

Wendy Matthews

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PhD Research proposals in the following and many other areas are welcomed:

Climate and Environment

Professor Martin Bell (molluscs, palaeoecology and palaeoenvironment)
Dr Nick Branch (palaeoecology)
Professor Dominik Fleitmann (palaeoclimate and palaeoenvironment)
Dr Wendy Matthews (palaeoecology)
Dr Frank Mayle (palaeoecology South America (Department of Geography))
Dr Aleks Pluskowski (zooarchaeology)

Landscape Archaeology

Professor Martin Bell (Britain)
Dr Stuart Black (Mediterranean)
Dr Nick Branch (Ireland, Mediterranean and South America)
Dr John Creighton (Iron Age and Roman)
Professor Roger Matthews (Near East)
Dr Wendy Matthews (Near East)

Geoarchaeology, Materials analysis and Experimental Archaeology

Professor Martin Bell
Dr Nick Branch
Dr Stuart Black
Dr Robert Hosfield
Dr Wendy Matthews

Geophysics

Dr John Creighton

Scientific Dating

Dr Stuart Black
Dr Nick Branch

Past diet and health

Dr Mary Lewis
Dr Gundula Müldner

Material Culture Studies

Dr John Creighton
Dr Hella Eckardt
Professor Michael Fulford
Professor Roberta Gilchrist
Dr Robert Hosfield
Professor Roger Matthews
Dr Gabor Thomas

Architecture and the built environment

Dr John Creighton (Iron Age and Roman)
Professor Michael Fulford (Iron Age and Roman)
Professor Roberta Gilchrist (medieval)
Dr Wendy Matthews (Near East)
Professor Roger Matthews (Near East)
Social Identity

Dr John Creighton
Dr Hella Eckardt
Dr Duncan Garrow
Professor Roberta Gilchrist
Dr Gabor Thomas

Cultural Heritage

Professor Roberta Gilchrist
Dr Rhi Smith
Professor Roger Matthews
Dr Jim Leary

Human evolution and the Palaeolithic-Mesolithic

Dr Rob Hosfield
Professor Martin Bell

Early Agriculture and Neolithic-Bronze Age communities

Professor Roger Matthews
Dr Wendy Matthews
Professor Martin Bell
Dr Duncan Garrow
Dr Jim Leary

Near Eastern Archaeology and Early Complex Societies

Professor Roger Matthews
Dr Wendy Matthews

Iron Age and Roman Archaeology

Dr John Creighton
Dr Hella Eckardt
Professor Michael Fulford

Medieval Archaeology

Professor Roberta Gilchrist
Dr Gabor Thomas
Dr Aleks Pluskowski
Dr Mary Lewis
Dr Gundula Müldner

Historical Archaeology

Professor Roberta Gilchrist
Dr Aleks Pluskowski
Dr Gabor Thomas