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Berlin: British Cold War city, 1945-1994

AHRC PhD Studentship in collaboration with Imperial War Museums (IWM) and the University of Bristol

Applications are invited for an AHRC-funded PhD at the University of Bristol: 'Berlin: British Cold War city, 1945-1994'. This is offered under the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Partnership programme. The partner institutions are the University of Bristol and the IWM. The studentship will be supervised by Dr Grace Huxford and Professor Josie McLellan at the University of Bristol and Sarah Paterson at IWM. This full-time studentship, which is funded for three years at standard AHRC rates, will begin on 1 October 2019.

The Studentship

This project will research the British Forces in the city of Berlin between 1945 and 1994. The former capital of Germany was probably the most famous 'flashpoint' of the Cold War, where East and West met on a daily basis. Its unique status as a divided city deep within Soviet-dominated territory led to it being a hub for espionage and intelligence activities. West Berlin was divided into three Sectors controlled by the Americans, British and French, and each Power left its own legacy.

Much has been published on Berlin in the Cold War, but this tends to concentrate on particular periods of crisis or dramatic events. This project offers the opportunity to examine the British presence as a whole over this period, and to analyse its legacy. How did the British interact with the German community? How did they work with the Americans and French? And with the Soviets? How important was Berlin for providing information that influenced British political thought? What was the relationship between the British Forces in Berlin and in the rest of Germany? What influence did a posting to Berlin have on an individual? What were the social effects of German-British inter-marriage? What role did language play in a quadripartite community?

Key sources of information will include publications such as the journals *Berlin Air Line* published at RAF Gatow between 1945 and 1947, and the *Berlin Bulletin*, published between 1952 and 1994. These were produced to provide information for the British military community, and give some insight into attitudes and events on a weekly basis. IWM also has an extensive collection of personal papers and photographs, and the student will have the opportunity to catalogue some of these. Material relating to Cold War Berlin is still being actively collected, and the student would have the opportunity to contribute to this process.

The National Archives holds many relevant official records, including those for the Control Commission Germany. Other relevant repositories include the National Army Museum, the Royal Air Force Museum and the German Historical Institute. There are also be resources in Germany, including the Allied Museum in Berlin.

Subject to AHRC eligibility criteria, the scholarships cover tuition fees and a grant (stipend) towards living expenses. The national minimum doctoral stipend for 2019/20 has been set by Research Councils UK as £ 15,009 plus £550 additional payment for Collaborative Doctoral Students. For more information visit: <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/skills/phdstudents/fundingandtraining>.

Students are also eligible to draw additional funding from a Student Development Fund to support the cost of training, work placements, and other development opportunities that will benefit the student's doctoral research and future career development.



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In addition, the student is eligible to receive up to £1,000 a year from IWM and will be able to apply for internal funding from the University to support archival visits and the delivery of academic conference papers. The students can also apply for up to £500 a year from the University of Bristol to support research and conference travel.

How to Apply

Applicants should have a good undergraduate degree in history or another relevant discipline and will need to satisfy AHRC eligibility requirements including Masters-level advanced research training or equivalent and University of Bristol postgraduate research admission requirements. For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/2019/arts/phd-history/>

Applicants must be a resident of the UK or European Economic Area (EEA). In general, full studentships are available to students who are settled in the UK and have been ordinarily resident for a period of at least three years before the start of postgraduate studies. Fees-only awards are generally available to EU nationals resident in the EEA. International applicants are normally not eligible to apply for this studentship.

Applicants should submit via email a curriculum vitae (no more than 2 pages), a sample of writing, a brief letter outlining their qualification for the studentship, transcripts of undergraduate and masters qualifications, and two academic references to Dr Grace Huxford on grace.huxford@bristol.ac.uk by **no later than 5pm on Sunday 5th May.**

Please note it is the responsibility of applicants to request references from their referees and ensure that they have been received by Dr Grace Huxford by this deadline. All documents should be submitted in either a MS Word or PDF format. Please ensure the subject line of your email appears as 'surname, first name – IWM/Bristol studentship.'

Interviews are scheduled to be held in London on **Tuesday 28th May.**