



# Applications Open

## Amy Buller PhD Scholarship (2020-23)

**Cumberland Lodge, the educational charity based in Windsor Great Park, seeks applicants for a jointly-funded, 3-year doctoral scholarship in partnership with Royal Holloway, University of London, to start in September 2020.**

In addition to Home/EU tuition fees, this scholarship provides:

- **£12,600** annual tax-free stipend
- **Up to £500 per year** contribution towards research expenses.

This unique opportunity offers the chance to complete a three-year PhD at Royal Holloway, whilst enhancing your public engagement skills and teaching profile, and actively contributing to the work of Cumberland Lodge.

Founded in 1947, Cumberland Lodge is a charity that empowers people, through dialogue and debate, to tackle the causes and effects of social division. Through a wide range of programmes, with people of all ages, backgrounds and perspectives, it promotes progress towards more peaceful, open and inclusive societies.

In addition to your academic studies and research at Royal Holloway, you will be expected to act as an ambassador for Cumberland Lodge at high-profile, interdisciplinary conferences and events, and whilst hoping to host residential [student retreats](#). This includes carrying out 12 residential duties over weekends at Cumberland Lodge, each year (with overnight accommodation and meals provided). These duties involve hosting visiting groups for study retreats, by giving welcome talks, escorting groups on excursions within the Great Park, and being on hand to help group leaders as required. You will also be required to facilitate [St Catharine's Sessions](#) - group discussions on topical social or ethical issues - for these visiting groups, as required.

Your PhD will be supervised by staff in your academic department at Royal Holloway, and you will also receive ongoing mentoring and support from academic staff at Cumberland Lodge.

### **Additional benefits**

At Cumberland Lodge, you will have the opportunity to engage with a range of high-profile public figures, and academics from a wide variety of disciplines, and to develop valuable skills and experience by: hosting student residentials; leading group discussion sessions; writing articles or blogs for publication; and delivering informal talks to visiting groups to the Lodge. You will also have access to Cumberland Lodge resources, facilities and staff experience, to further your research and personal development.

## Background

This scholarship is named after Amy Buller, the pioneering woman who led delegations of intellectuals and public figures to Germany in the 1930s, to find out more about what was happening to ordinary people who were living through the rise of National Socialism. It was Buller's vision that led to the establishment of the educational foundation at Cumberland Lodge in 1947, in the aftermath of the Second World War. You can find out more about the history and heritage, and charitable work of Cumberland Lodge, on its website or in the scholarship application pack.

## Eligibility

The Amy Buller PhD Scholarship is open to candidates from any academic discipline who are exploring ethical or social questions in their research and wish to conduct doctoral studies at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Applications are particularly welcomed from the following research areas:

- Sociology
- Social geography
- Social policy and criminology
- Politics
- Religious Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- History of World War II (including the time before and after the war)

Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic and interdisciplinary merit, and proposals that demonstrate both academic and non-academic relevance will be of particular interest.

## How to apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, please initially contact the relevant [Director of Postgraduate Education](#) at Royal Holloway to find out about potential supervisors and discuss your research proposal further.

Please also feel free to make any informal enquiries about the scholarship to Sarah Galvin, our Programme Administrator, at [sgalvin@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk](mailto:sgalvin@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk).

Please submit your PhD application to Royal Holloway via the College's [online application portal](#) and then email your CV and a covering letter outlining how you meet the eligibility criteria for the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship to Janet Heaney, Doctoral School Recruitment & Scholarships Administration Manager at Royal Holloway, at [Janet.Heaney@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Janet.Heaney@rhul.ac.uk).

Please note that the deadline for applications (including PhD application, and the scholarship application by CV and covering letter) is **midnight on Monday 3 February 2020**.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview at Cumberland Lodge, **w/c 23 March 2020**.