Amy Buller PhD Scholarship: Cumberland Lodge in conjunction with Royal Holloway, University of London
Cumberland Lodge, an independent educational charity based in Windsor Great Park, seeks applicants for a jointly funded doctoral studentship with Royal Holloway, University of London to commence in the 2017-18 academic year. This 3-year full-time studentship is available from September 2017 and, in addition to covering Home/EU tuition fees, offers an annual tax-free stipend of £12,600. The successful candidate will also be eligible to apply for £500 per annum towards research expenses.

Named for one of the founders of Cumberland Lodge, the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship is open to candidates from any academic discipline who wish to conduct doctoral research on a subject connected to the charitable objectives of the trust at Cumberland Lodge. Since 1947, Cumberland Lodge has sought to promote the open exchange of ideas across academic and professional boundaries, to ask challenging moral and ethical questions, and to explore the most pressing problems facing society today. Our founding vision is most clearly expressed in Amy Buller’s *Darkness Over Germany*; for Buller, the education system had failed young people and, in leaving them unable to critically evaluate and challenge extremist views, had left them vulnerable to a brutal ideology. Interpreted for the twenty-first century, Cumberland Lodge seeks to understand and address the root causes and effects of social divisions, including disruptive intolerance, in order to build more tolerant, peaceful, and inclusive societies.

With a focus on interdisciplinary and collaborative working, the Lodge strives to develop intellectual leadership and influence policy on social and ethical issues through our cross-sector conferences and discussions, and provides learning opportunities for leaders and future leaders through our work with schools and universities. Regular users of the Lodge include Government, the National Health Service, and the Inns of Court. Each year we welcome in excess of three thousand students from the UK and elsewhere for conferences, retreats, reading parties and other activities.

The Amy Buller PhD Scholar will play an active role in the residential life of Cumberland Lodge and will benefit from their association with an educational charity. They will perform 12 residential duties per year, which will include facilitating ‘St Catherine’s Sessions’ – seminars focused on areas of social and ethical interest – to visiting student groups. In addition to this teaching experience, they will be given access to a range of public figures and will have the opportunity to contribute essays, blogs, research briefings and talks to visiting groups. They will act as an ambassador for the Lodge at high-profile conferences and during student retreats and will support our work with postgraduate students. The Amy Buller PhD Scholar will join a thriving scholarship scheme and will be able to utilise the resources and facilities at Cumberland Lodge to further their research; office facilities will also be available on site for the successful candidate. These opportunities will enable the Amy Buller Scholar to enhance their own public engagement and teaching profile, and to contribute to the impact of the charitable foundation itself.

Further information about the Lodge can be found on our website, [www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk](http://www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk)
Applications are invited from any discipline, but are particularly welcomed from the following research areas:

- Sociology
- Social policy and criminology
- Public health
- Politics and society
- Religion and society (with an emphasis on interfaith issues)
- Economics and society
- Philosophy and society
- Management and society
- Science, technology, and society
- Institutional history of Cumberland Lodge broadly construed (i.e. post-war education policy; biographical research on key founders of the charity; the impact of political ideology on teaching methods in pre-second world war German education and elsewhere; philosophy of education with an emphasis on moral development).

Within the above research areas, applications should address a subject of contemporary ethical or moral concern or one which addresses the causes and effects of social divisions and intolerance as described above.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of their academic and interdisciplinary merits. Of particular interest are proposals which demonstrate high-potential academic and non-academic impact.

The successful candidate will be supervised by the appropriate academic department at Royal Holloway, University of London. This supervision will be supplemented by mentoring and support from academic staff and associates of Cumberland Lodge.

Informal enquiries about the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship should be directed to Dr Rachel Smillie, Education Officer at Cumberland Lodge, rachel@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk
make formal enquiries

You are encouraged to contact the Postgraduate Administrator, or Director of Graduate Studies in the relevant academic department at Royal Holloway, University of London, for specific information on current opportunities available, and to see if there is a member of staff who may be interested in supervising your research. A list of directors of graduate studies can be found at:

http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees/directorsofgraduatestudies.aspx

You will need to provide details about your research interests as well as a summary of your academic qualifications (a brief one to two page CV will be useful) and mention that you are applying for the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship.

submit an application

The deadline for applications for the Amy Buller PhD Scholarship is 30th January 2017.

When you have secured a supervisor for your research project you should then apply to Royal Holloway to study for a research degree using the online application system, the link for which is below:

https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees/applying/home.aspx

This application form will be used in the Amy Buller Scholarship selection process. You will also be asked to fill in a separate application for the scholarship; this will be made available to you once you have discussed your application with Royal Holloway.

One of the most important aspects of your application is the research proposal. Typically a research proposal should describe the academic background to the research as well as providing some aims of the project and the research methods to be used. Your potential supervisor will be able to help you with the discipline-specific requirements for the research proposal.

Directors of Graduate Studies will forward applications to the Doctoral Training Partnerships and Scholarships Manager, jane.gawthrope@rhul.ac.uk, by 30th January 2017.

All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Cumberland Lodge on Thursday 9th or Friday 10th February 2017.