



POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIPS

5-Year Programme in Modern Russian Social or Economic History

Department of History/ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, University of Nottingham

Applications are invited from suitably qualified UK/EU candidates for fully-funded places on a five-year programme of study leading to a PhD in Modern Russian Social and/or Economic History (from the mid-19th century). Applicants will be expected to demonstrate an excellent record of academic achievement in history or a related discipline, and potential for completing an original and independent research project in modern Russian history, using social and/or economic historical methods of enquiry. No prior knowledge of Russian language or socio-economic research methodologies is necessary, as training will be provided.

Successful candidates will enrol on the Russian and East European Studies Pathway of the University of Nottingham's Doctoral Training Centre (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/esrc-dtc>).

Up to two studentships may be awarded to UK/EU candidates on a competitive basis within the DTC's Language Based Area Studies (comprising both Russian and East European Studies and Chinese Studies).

The Russian and East European Studies Pathway five-year programme will provide one year of Russian language training to bring beginners to a level of competency adequate for conducting primary research using original-language sources (to PG Diploma level); one year of combined disciplinary, interdisciplinary and generic social science research training (to MA level); and three years of supervised research, supported by further training, on an original topic in Russian social and/or economic history (to PhD level). Candidates who already have knowledge of the Russian language to degree level will be eligible to apply for four years of funding (1 yr MA plus 3 yrs PhD). Those with both Russian language competency and an MA may apply for a 3 year funded programme of studies.

Possible areas for research include, but are not limited to:

- Late tsarist economic and social development.
- The impact of the First World War on Russian society and the economy.
- Economic and social aspects of the Russian Revolutions (1905 and 1917).
- Russian society during the Civil War: mobilization and resistance.
- Reconstruction and development under the New Economic Policy.
- Social and economic aspects of Stalinism, including industrialization and urbanization, collectivization, population displacement and the Gulag.
- The impact of the Second World War on Russian society and the economy.
- Soviet social and economic change from Lenin to Gorbachev.

The deadline for applications is **28 February 2014**. If you are interested in applying, please contact either **Dr. Sarah Badcock** (sarah.badcock@nottingham.ac.uk) or **Dr. Nick Baron** (nick.baron@nottingham.ac.uk) of the Department of History, University of Nottingham (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/history>), as soon as possible for further details of the pathway programme and to discuss possible research topics.