



4-YEAR MA & PHD FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Modern Russian & East European Social/Economic History

Department of History, University of Nottingham

The Department of History, University of Nottingham, invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates for a fully-funded 4-year study programme leading to a PhD in Modern Russian & East European social and/or economic history. Proposed research projects should principally employ social science methods (for further guidance on disciplinary remit, see [this page](#)). Candidates will be expected to demonstrate an excellent record of academic achievement in History, Russian & East European Studies or a related discipline, and potential to complete an original and independent research project in modern Russian & East European history.

The Department will select one or more candidates to co-develop full applications for funding offered through the [Area Studies \(Russian and East European\) Pathway](#) or [Economic & Social History Pathway](#) of the [Midlands Graduate School \(MGS\) Doctoral Training Partnership](#). The MGS is one of 14 UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs), and comprises the University of Warwick, Aston University, University of Birmingham, University of Leicester, Loughborough University and the University of Nottingham.

At Nottingham, successful applicants will join a team of PhD researchers in Russian & East European History in the [Department of History](#), working mostly under the supervision of [Professor Sarah Badcock](#) and [Dr Nick Baron](#). For a list of current and former ESRC-funded PhD projects, please see under the 'Research' tab [here](#).

This 4-year programme comprises 1 year of training in social science research methods (to MA level) plus 3 years of research on an original topic in Russian & East European social and/or economic history (to PhD level).

Candidates who already have an ESRC-accredited MA in History or a cognate discipline, and/or can demonstrate extensive expertise in social science research methods, may apply for a +3 PhD programme. Candidates without MA degrees and those with a non-ESRC-accredited MA degree may only apply for the 1+3 programme. This competition is open to both UK and international students, but awards will only pay fees at UK (home) levels (additional bursaries are available to international award-holders on a competitive basis). To apply, you must intend to study full-time, and have a working knowledge of the relevant Russian & East European language(s).

Application procedure

If you are interested in applying, please contact Professor Badcock (sarah.badcock@nottingham.ac.uk) and Dr Baron (nick.baron@nottingham.ac.uk) as soon as possible before 1 December 2022 (we cannot consider any enquiries or expressions of interest after that date), sending your CV, a one-page note on your preparation and motivation to conduct research to PhD level in modern Russian and East European socio-economic history, and a one-page outline of your proposed research topic. We can advise on your eligibility and the fit of your proposed research with our interests and expertise. Please ensure you read [this page](#) before formulating your proposal.

If the Department agrees to support your application to the MGS, you will then need to submit applications for, first, a PhD place to the University of Nottingham (two academic references will be required) and then for funding to the Midlands Graduate School, the deadline for which is **24th January 2022** (23:59 GMT).