

# Research in History

The School of History has an active research community with over 60 research-active academics and around 50 PhD students at one time. Research in History at Queen Mary was ranked 7th in the UK in the last Research Excellence Framework and covers a wide range of topics, from the medieval period to the modern day, under three main strands: **History of Thought, Emotion and Knowledge, National and International Society and Governance, and Society, Culture and Belief.** The School has also just launched two research clusters, the Time and Temporalities Research Cluster, and the newly founded IHSS Centre for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies (CEREES). The experience and opportunities that we offer our PhD researchers will help you achieve your goals, develop your expertise and learn new skills.

## Training opportunities

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All first-year PhD researchers are expected to take part in the School's PGR Training Forum, which meets once a fortnight and is convened by the Director of Graduate Studies. The Training Forum is specifically tailored for historians and

covers research skills, working methods and academic development. The School will also fund expert training externally when it is not provided by the university (e.g. in palaeography or digital humanities).

## Research partnerships and networks

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Innovative research involves travel to archives in the UK and abroad, and is always helped by meeting experts in the field of research. The School of History runs several academic exchanges with international partners, which are excellent opportunities for our PhD researchers to present their research in global forums and to

network with international scholars. All exchanges are funded by Queen Mary and its partner institutions, which include the Basel Graduate School of History, the University of Freiburg, Tel Aviv University, the University of Delaware and Northwestern University, Chicago.

## Funding

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- Queen Mary Principal's Postgraduate Research Studentships and Collaborative Doctoral Awards.
- London Arts and Humanities Partnership Doctoral Training Partnership
- There are also specific international scholarships schemes for Mexico, China, Pakistan, Colombia, Chile, USA and

Commonwealth nations. These are cofunded, and applicants should make an application to the sponsor as well as to Queen Mary.

- Self-funded applicants are welcome to apply
- More information on each scheme can be found at [qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/research-degrees/scholarships-and-funding/](https://qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/research-degrees/scholarships-and-funding/)

## Application process

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### 1. Identify a potential supervisor.

Before making a formal application to one of the PhD programmes on offer, you should discuss your ideas with a potential supervisor within the School.

### 2. Develop your research proposal.

Your research proposal (<1500 words) is an important element of our decisionmaking process. You should work closely with your potential supervisor to develop this.

### 3. Gather the necessary documents.

Your application will need to be supported by a number of other documents. Before applying online, make sure you have collected everything required of you including two academic references.

### 4. Complete the online application form [qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/](https://qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/)

Applicants to the LAHP-DTP must also complete a separate application form. These should be submitted at the same time as your Queen Mary application.

### 5. If you meet the entry requirements and your proposal attracts supervisory interest, you may be contacted for an interview.

Contact for PhD enquiries:

[history-pgr-admin@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:history-pgr-admin@qmul.ac.uk).

## Entry requirements

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- Bachelor's degree with at least 2:1
- Master's degree with merit or higher
- IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 6.5 in writing if English is not your first language

## Application deadlines

### September 2024 entry

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- HSS Principal Studentships: **24th January**
- China Scholarship Council: **31st January**
- Self-funders can inquire with prospective supervisors throughout the year.

**NOTE:** Some external funding bodies require a separate application, with different deadlines.

Please check here for information:

[qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database](https://qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database)

## Projects list

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You may find it useful to browse the list of past and current PhD projects at

[qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/research-degrees/current-phd-students/](https://qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/research-degrees/current-phd-students/)

Further guidance can be found at

[qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/](https://qmul.ac.uk/history/postgraduate-study/)

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