CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MEDICINE

KING'S College LONDON

Hans Rausing Doctoral Scholarship 2027/2028

Scheme A: PhD only (3 years)

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ABOUT CHoSTM

The Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine draws together one of the most exciting groups of historians devoted to the study of science, technology and medicine in the world. Though unusually rich in historians whose work focuses on the nineteenth and especially the twentieth century, the academic staff at the Centre, as well as its affiliates, cover a long chronological range and engage with histories from local to global in scope.

CHoSTM is notable for being fully integrated into the Department of History both organisationally and intellectually, a positioning that enables the Centre's aim not only to research and teach histories of science, technology and medicine in ways that change our understandings of these areas, but also to reach beyond these to dynamically interact with the methodologies and conventions of history more broadly.

Hallmarks of the Centre have been both its notable successes in making the past visible and resonant across many different audiences in the present and its stimulating and active events calendar, which includes our seminar series, reading groups and the many other celebrations and events that bring our community together throughout the year.

CHoSTM was founded at Imperial College London in 1993, drawing on a tradition of teaching and research dating from 1963, when a Department of History of Science and Technology was created at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. At that time, Imperial College was expanding rapidly as the British MIT. In 2013, in a very unusual move in the humanities, the Centre moved most of its staff, research fellows and graduate students, and its endowment and ethos, to the History Department at King's College London, where it has thrived.

ABOUT KING'S HISTORY

King's History is an intellectual home for scholars of every region of the world, who use approaches which range from local micro-histories to large-scale quantitative analysis. We particularly value conversation between scholars of different periods and places, with different approaches. We also value the close connection between historical research and the world beyond the academy.

As a postgraduate historian with the King's History Department, you'll be guided to access a fantastic range of archives and collections, many of which are housed here at King's College London.

Students will join one of the most intellectually exciting history departments in the UK. Our research covers every continent and extends from late antiquity to the contemporary world. We particularly pride ourselves on the challenging questions we ask about the past, the connections we make between places, times and themes, and the links we draw between past and present

The Department's excellent PhD completion rate is the product of the individual care you will receive, and the stimulating research culture of which you will be part. You will present your work to our vibrant department seminar, which meets regularly in term time, and you will benefit from our bespoke skills training programme.

OVERVIEW

The Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine invites applications for Hans Rausing Scholarships to begin in autumn 2027. The scholarships are available to Overseas and UK applicants to study the history of science and/or technology at MA (1-year) and PhD-level (3-year) at the Centre.

The scholarships are only available to international students planning to enrol in full-time study; part-time enrolment might be considered for Home applicants.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. Research topics should be on the history of science and/or technology.
NB: Research projects in the history of medicine **are not eligible**, except when topics have a clear overlap with the history of science and technology and are approached using the methods of the historiographies of science and technology. For example, topics engaging with the life sciences or with technologies allied to medicine are in scope if so addressed.

If you are unsure whether your project qualifies, please get in touch with the CHoSTM co-leads, David Edgerton or Caitjan Gainty.

1.2. Applicants should:

a. Hold a Master of Arts degree with Distinction or a high Merit (or equivalent international qualifications) by the time of starting the PhD in history (or related humanities or social science field) with either a strong history of science and/or technology component.

b. Have an outstanding academic track record and outstanding research potential in the history of science and/or technology.

c. Be available to start studies in October of 2027 (or exceptionally January 2028)..

2. HOW TO APPLY

2.1. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants should:

- **Contact a prospective supervisor and/or the Co-leads at the Centre to discuss eligibility and research interests and the proposal before submitting applications.** At least one of your prospective supervisors should generally be a member of CHoSTM specialising in the history of science and technology. **Click here to see staff working in the history of science and technology.**

- **For the application, submit:**
  a. Sample of written work, for example one or two long essays or a dissertation.

  b. A 1-2 page personal statement, outlining academic interests and reasons for undertaking doctoral research

  c. A research proposal (around 2,000 words) that outlines:

  i. the historical question(s) being addressed, and their significance;
  ii. relevant historiography;
  iii. relevant sources.

2.2. There is no separate form for the Hans Rausing Scholarship.

Applicants should register in King's Apply system and apply for the History Research MPhil/PhD programme. Applicants should:

- Fulfil the eligibility requirements of the **History Research MPhil/PhD programme**.
- Submit their application materials in the platform.
- Specify in the section "Additional information" that they wish to be considered to the Hans Rausing Scholarship and attach in this section the documents that are not listed in the platform's mandatory documents.

NB: To apply, applicants should be ready to submit the additional documentation required to apply for the MA programmes (for example, academic transcripts, references).

2.3 Applicants should also submit a copy of their application to their prospective supervisor and to the CHoSM co-leads as soon as it is submitted through the King's Apply System.

3. WHAT WE OFFER

3.1. The Hans Rausing Scholarship covers:

- Tuition and fees (Home or Overseas rates).
- Monthly stipend, equivalent to that offered by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council for the duration of the award.*
- A research allowance for fieldwork and conferences.

(*) Equivalent to that offered by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council for the duration of the award.

3.2 The scholarship does not cover expenses towards visa applications or pre-sessional English courses, but we will consider separate applications for support in exceptional cases.