

**STUDENTSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:
FUNDED DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIP IN FEMINIST HISTORY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX**

The Centre for Life History and Life Writing Research, with the Centre for Community Engagement at the University of Sussex, is pleased to invite applications for a three year funded studentship in the history of the Women's Liberation Movement in the UK. The successful candidate will work alongside a national research project, 'The Women's Liberation Oral History Project' funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

Project description

The Women's Liberation Oral History Project will create a unique and high profile history of the British Women's Liberation Movement, building on findings from the Women's Liberation Research Network. [<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/thewomenslibrary/aboutthecollections/research/wlmnetwork.cfm>] The project will create an archive of oral history interviews and video documentaries with feminists active in the 1970s and 80s, and will use these as the basis for research in the history of the women's movement. The project is directed by Dr Margaretta Jolly, supported by Research Fellow Dr Rachel Cohen, and is in partnership with The British Library and The Women's Library. The student who joins us will be expected to develop an original thesis on feminism in Britain today, which will draw on the findings of our historical project. The successful candidate will be involved in the analysis of primary and secondary materials and will have an opportunity to work alongside a post-doctoral researcher, to develop skills in video documentary, digital editing, CD production and other multi-media outputs. They will shadow and appropriately aid in day to day project work so as to develop wider skills in public history, understanding the relationship between academic and archival contexts. The student may also conduct some oral history interviews and will have access to materials, training and resources at The British Library.

Applicants working in any field of the study of feminist activism and/or related social movements are encouraged to apply, particularly those interested in contemporary feminisms, including digital networking, global feminisms or citizenship theory. We would also be pleased to attract candidates with interests or experiences in oral history and multimedia. Supervision will primarily be by Dr. Margaretta Jolly, with secondary supervision according to the candidate's particular interest. The University of Sussex is a leading international centre for life history research, oral history, and life writing research and teaching. Centre for Life History and Life Writing Research researchers also have specialisms in gender theory and life history-based research in women's movements. ?See <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/clhlwr/>

CONTACTS AND HOW TO APPLY

PhD Studentship in Life History:

Value: The studentship will cover PhD fees at the UK/EU rate (€3,390 in 2010/11) and an annual stipend which is equivalent to that provided by the AHRC (€13,290 in 2010/11). ?International students may also apply for this award but would need to source additional funding to cover the difference between UK/EU and international fees. The successful candidate will be expected to commence study in October 2010.

Eligibility: Applicants will be of an outstanding academic ability. Applicants should be qualified to Masters level in either women's studies, history, sociology or cultural studies, or in a related area.

How to apply: To be eligible for an award, applicants should apply to the University for a 'DPhil Life History Research' through the Sussex admissions procedure. This application includes: a research proposal which should also explain how their idea relates to the Women's Liberation Oral History project; a detailed CV; and, two academic references. <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/publications/pgrad2009/applying> Applicants may be called for interview in June.

For informal information and details about the Centre for Life History and Life Writing, please see <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/clhlwr/>

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr Margaretta Jolly on m.jolly@sussex.ac.uk but please first investigate the web resources and general admissions procedures.

Application deadline: 21 May 2010

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