

Call for applications – Adam von Trott Study Bursary 2019/20

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A new study bursary scheme has been set up to commemorate Adam von Trott. The scheme has been put to place by the University of Göttingen, the Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen e.V. and the Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee & Appeal at Mansfield College, University of Oxford. The study bursaries will enable the beneficiaries to travel to Oxford for four weeks as part of their studies to meet relevant scholars, use archives, libraries and other resources, and participate in seminars and lectures.

For Adam von Trott, who studied both at Göttingen and Oxford University (at Mansfield and Balliol Colleges), studying in Britain were hugely significant experiences, with a lasting influence on his political ideas and sensitized him to new points of view and currents of thought. In a similar way, the “study bursaries” are designed to enable students to explore new perspectives and make new contacts across national borders.

The bursary scheme is part of the cooperation project “Resistance – Democracy – Internationality” of the University of Göttingen and the Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen e.V. The project is sponsored by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media.

The bursary is awarded in accordance with the rules of the University Scholarship Directive.

A short-term scholarship (“study bursary”) for Master's and Doctoral students of the University of Göttingen for a study stay of four weeks at the University of Oxford for the term 2019/20 is announced with immediate effect.

The bursary is worth €1,365 and is intended to cover the travel, accommodation and daily expenses of the beneficiary. Students are expected to organize their stay independently, though advice and support will be available.

The research or study topic of the applicant should, ideally, refer to one of the cooperation topics: resistance, responsibility, democracy, peace, internationality, Europe, or directly to Adam von Trott. Strong preference is given to candidates who will be working in those fields. The application should show how the study visit to Oxford would support current studies (through participation in seminars, fieldwork or interviews, use of libraries and specialized archives, etc.). This programme has been set up to build exchanges between the Universities of Göttingen and Oxford and overall to promote positive links between Germany and Great Britain and this will be taken into consideration in the final selection.

Applicants are encouraged to name relevant academic researchers (professors or postgraduates) whom they like to meet during their stay in Oxford (but preferably not to contact them until and unless they receive the bursary).

The application documents for the study bursary must include:

- a curriculum vitae in tabular form,
- a letter of motivation (explaining to what extent your stay in Oxford will benefit your studies and how your own work relates to the topics of the project),
- indication of the intended period of stay in Oxford,
- naming of two to three researchers on site (professors or postgraduates),
- University certificates, i.e. matriculation certificate, diplomas (if applicable).

We would expect the successful candidate to arrange their visit so that they spend at least one or two weeks during the formal Oxford terms (that is 19 January – 14 March 2020; 26 April – 20 June 2020).

Applications should be sent by e-mail as a coherent PDF file to the coordinator of the project “Resistance – Democracy – Internationality”, Mr. Lars Jakob (lars.jakob@zvw.uni-goettingen.de). Applications must be submitted in English. Applications in German will not be considered. Very good English skills are a requirement for the stay in Oxford.

The deadline for applications will be 25 November 2019.

Applicants are most likely to be informed about the awarding of the bursary by the end of December. A selection committee of the three project partners, the University of Göttingen, the Stiftung Adam von Trott and the Adam von Trott Memorial Appeal, will decide on the award of the bursary.

By accepting the bursary, the beneficiary undertakes to draw up a short report on the study visit to Oxford and to reflect on the extent to which the stay was relevant to his or her own work and development.

If you have any questions about the bursary scheme, please contact the coordinator of the project, Mr. Lars Jakob, by telephone (0551 39-26229) or e-mail (lars.jakob@zvw.uni-goettingen.de).

You can find more information about the project at www.uni-goettingen.de/trott.

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