

Opportunities for PhD study in the History of Ancient Science at the Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies

Call for applications

Applications are invited for PhD positions in the new PhD Programme 'History of Ancient Science', provided by the Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies.

The Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies is part of the Berliner Antike-Kolleg, a new institution standing in the great Berlin tradition of research and scholarship on the ancient world.

'History of Ancient Science' is a joint programme of the Humboldt-University, the Freie Universität, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science and the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften. The programme will start in the Winter semester of the academic year 2012-13. A number of doctoral stipends will be available on a competitive basis.

'History of Ancient Science' offers prospective PhD students with outstanding research potential a structured doctoral programme for the study of the ancient sciences, their methods and theories, their intellectual and philosophical foundations as well as their practical applications, within their respective social and cultural contexts. All major areas within the ancient sciences are represented, such as mathematics, astronomy, meteorology, medicine, biology, physics, mechanics, music, optics, geography, agriculture, grammar, but also magic, divination and alchemy. Geographically, the programme embraces not only the Greek and Roman world but also the ancient Near East and Egypt as well as comparisons with ancient China; diachronically, it extends to the Early Modern Age and thus includes the reception of the ancient sciences in the Arab World, in the Latin Middle Ages and in the Renaissance.

The programme has a strong international outlook and will be offered in English and in German. Students will be supervised by a first class team of internationally regarded scholars, and they will be able to choose from a wide range of seminars, workshops, colloquia and conferences and thus to create a programme tailor-made to their individual interests.

The programme is directed by Prof. Philip van der Eijk (HU, Classics and History of Science), Prof. Markham Geller (FU, History of Knowledge), Prof. Gerd Graßhoff (HU, History and Philosophy of Science), and co-ordinated by Dr. Roberto Lo Presti (HU, Classics and History of Science). For further information about the programme and a list of potential supervisors see <http://berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/studienprogramme/HistAS>

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Requirements: a completed Masters Programme (or equivalent) with distinction in a relevant subject (e.g. Classics, Ancient Philosophy, Ancient History, History of Medicine, History of Science, Near Eastern Studies, Archaeology) is required. Outstanding candidates who have completed their BA in a higher education system that does not have separate Masters programmes may be considered for a predoc-programme and are therefore encouraged to apply as well. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a good command of the ancient language(s) relevant to the proposed research project. Candidates will be expected to be fluent in English and to have at least a passive understanding of German; candidates with a deficiency in German will be expected to acquire the necessary linguistic skills in the early stages of the programme. Dissertations can be written in English or in German. Ongoing presence in Berlin is expected, as there will be an active scholarly exchange.

Formal applications including (i) a CV, (ii) a covering letter stating the candidate's motivation for doctoral study (2-3 pages), (iii) a research proposal with provisional time table and bibliography (up to 2000 words), (iv) a writing sample (e.g. of course work, 10-15 pages), (v) authenticated copies of degree-certificates (if already obtained), and (vi) a completed application form, which can be downloaded from the BerGSAS website (see <http://berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/bewerbung/ausschreibung/>) should be sent **by 30 June 2012** to the following address: application@berliner-antike-kolleg.org. In addition, candidates are asked in their application to name two referees and to ensure that these referees write directly and confidentially to the address above by 30 June 2012. Please indicate in your application whether you wish to be considered for a doctoral stipend and/or whether you have secured, or are hoping to secure, funding from other sources. As the application documents will not be returned candidates are asked to submit electronic copies only.

The Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies actively seeks to foster career opportunities for female scholars and therefore strongly encourages qualified women to apply. Candidates with disabilities who are equally qualified for the positions will receive special consideration.

It is expected that interviews will be held in late September/early October 2012.

For further information about the programme and about the Berlin Graduate School for Ancient Studies see <http://berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/profil/>

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