

Call for applications – Adam von Trott Study Bursaries

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A new study bursary scheme is being 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 Adam von Trott Memorial Appeal at Mansfield College. The study bursaries will enable the beneficiaries to travel to Oxford (preferably Mansfield College) 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 Oxford University (at Mansfield and Balliol Colleges) and at Göttingen University, the study visits to England were an important experience which had a lasting influence on his political ideas and sensitized him to new points of view and currents of thought. In this sense, the “study bursaries” should 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 bursaries are 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, preferably at Mansfield College, 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(s). Students are expected to organize their stay independently, though advice and support will be available.

The research or study topic of the applicant must refer to one of the topics resistance, responsibility, democracy, peace, internationality, Europe or directly to Adam von Trott in order to be sponsored. 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.).

Students are encouraged to nominate two to three persons (professors or postgraduates) to be considered as supervisors in Oxford (preferably at Mansfield College).

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 possible supervisors on site (professors or postgraduates),
- University certificates, i.e. matriculation certificate, diplomas (if applicable).

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 16 January 2019.

Applicants are most likely to be informed about the awarding of the bursary by the end of February. 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 bursaries. The bursary and the associated stay in Oxford are to begin between March and June 2019 (in the academic year in Oxford).

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 "Resistance - Democracy – Internationality", 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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