

JOHN RYLANDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE/FACULTY OF THE HUMANITIES–LILLY LIBRARY (INDIANA UNIVERSITY)

Doctoral Research and Training Programme Call October 2016

Application deadline Friday 25 November 2016

Applications should be e-mailed to jrri@manchester.ac.uk

This exchange and training programme has been created to provide outstanding doctoral students registered in the University of Manchester's Faculty of Humanities with an opportunity to spend up to one month at Indiana University's Lilly Library. The Lilly Library contains an outstanding collection of rare books, manuscripts, and special collections, and these represent significant possibilities for our postgraduate researchers (further details about the Lilly Library's holdings can found here: www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/collections.shtml). In addition to providing access to the Lilly Library's unique holdings, recipients of these awards will also be granted access to Indiana University's wider academic community, providing them with the chance to discuss their research with other postgraduate students and scholars, as well as opportunities to examine how research and teaching in their field might differ in Manchester and Bloomington.

Each of these awards, made possible through the Faculty of Humanities Strategic Investment Fund, will provide recipients with access to Indiana University's academic community; assistance in using the collections of the Lilly Library; a supervisor working in a relevant area; a workspace and network access; and the opportunity to participate in a lively intellectual community. It is expected that during their visit to Indiana University, awardees will deliver one 'work in progress' talk, and participate in a workshop where they can relate their discoveries to wider pools of scholarship in their discipline.

Successful applications will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- relevance of the Lilly's Collections to the applicant's doctoral project and research
- candidate's broader commitment to the wider intellectual community in which they will be based at Indiana University
- ability of the project to be matched with academic and curatorial supervisors

Eligibility and Application Procedure

These awards are open to all registered students in The University of Manchester's Faculty of Humanities. Candidates wishing to apply should produce a document that provides the following information:

- a title and outline of the project (250 words)
- a description of the particular collections, archival and printed, that they wish to consult at the Lilly Library (500 words), and how these relate to their research.
- A brief statement explaining how their work fits with the host institution's broader academic community (250 words). Here candidates may wish to identify particular scholars or research groups at Indiana University who they wish to work with.

We ask that the final document be emailed as a PDF. In addition to the application document, candidates should also request a letter of reference from their main supervisor, and this should be sent separately and arrive before the deadline. It must attest that the candidate is on track for timely completion of their thesis.

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All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the competition by 19 December 2016. We expect to make two awards in 2017-2018.