**John Rylands Research Institute/ Faculty of the Humanities–Lilly Library (Indiana University) Doctoral Research and Training Programme**

This exchange and training programme has been created to provide outstanding doctoral students registered in the University of Manchester’s Faculty of Humanities with the opportunity to spend up to one month at Indiana University. The two successful University of Manchester recipients will receive a bursary of £1,500 to cover the cost of a return flight; one month’s accommodation; and sundry research expenses.  In addition, awardees will be able to submit receipts to reclaim the expense of their J-1 visa.

The purpose of these awards is to support two students wishing to carry out archival research at Indiana University, particularly those whose research would benefit from the holdings of the Lilly Library. The Lilly Library contains an outstanding collection of rare books, manuscripts, and special collections, and these represent significant possibilities for doctoral research. Further details about the Lilly Library’s holdings can found here: [www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/collections.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/collections.shtml). In addition to providing access to these collections, recipients 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, supported by 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 collections held at Indiana University, and particularly those of the Lilly Library

• relevance of and support for the candidate’s research within Indiana’s wider intellectual community

• 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 collections that they wish to consult, particularly those held 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 individual scholars who they wish to work with, or graduate seminars they might join.

• Candidates should also request a letter of reference from their main supervisor. Letters of reference must attest that the candidate is on track for timely completion of their thesis.

**Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 16 November 2017**

Applicants should be emailed to: jrri@manchester.ac.uk

For questions about applications please contact:

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Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the competition by December 2017. It is expected that candidates will make prompt arrangements to visit Bloomington in spring 2018.