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Cumberland Lodge Scholarship Scheme 2019 - 2021

Every year, Cumberland Lodge offers first and second year doctoral students studying at universities in the United Kingdom the chance to develop skills in communication, public engagement and interdisciplinary working through a scholarship scheme.

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Introduction to Cumberland Lodge

Founded in 1947, Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park is home to an educational charity with the vision of more peaceful, open and inclusive societies.

We equip and inspire people from every background, generation and perspective to learn from one another and engage in constructive dialogue and debate on the causes and effects of social divisions.

We bring together leaders and influencers, students and community practitioners, and foster learning and critical thinking through:

- **Subsidised residential study retreats** for students in higher education
- **Inter-disciplinary conferences**, lectures and seminars, with leading figures from public life
- **Mentoring schemes and scholarships** for early career researchers and international students
- **Educational and cultural events** for the local community, including schools workshops, art exhibitions, public lectures and literary events.

Find out more about what we do at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/whatwedo, and about our history and heritage at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/history.



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2018 – 2019 Programme of Events

The Lodge focuses on engaging people from different backgrounds and perspectives in constructive dialogue across social, political, academic, religious and professional boundaries. In the academic year 2018-2019, we are hosting the following events:

– **IPSP Report Launch** – 9 October 2018

We worked with the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP) to explore social change and celebrate the launch of their three-volume report, *Rethinking Society for the 21st Century*.

– **‘Exploring Identities & Belonging’** – 18 October 2018

This Cumberland Conversation-style panel discussion explored what age, alongside other factors, can mean for a person’s sense of place in a community. Moderated by the broadcaster and journalist, Baroness Joan Bakewell, four Cumberland Lodge PhD Scholars formed a panel to discuss what identities and belonging means to them.

– **‘Race in Britain: Inequality, Identity, Belonging’** – 1 – 2 November 2018

Hosted in partnership with the Runnymede Trust, this conference explored how inequality, identity, and belonging intersect with race in Britain.

– **Commonwealth and International Student Christmas** – 17 – 19 December 2018

The longest-standing tradition at the Lodge, this event brings students from over thirty countries together to experience a traditional British Christmas, meet new people and engage in intercultural exchange and attend seminars on subjects of social and ethical interest. In December 2018 we were joined by Debbie Danon of TrustLab, journalist and author Edna Fernandes, as well as two members of Coram’s Young Citizens project.

– **‘Democracy in Crisis? Moral and Spiritual Resistance’** – 7 January 2019

We partnered with the Council for Christians and Jews (CCJ) to bring together faith representatives, emerging leaders, community groups, students and other organisations for a one-day workshop to address current, faith-based challenges to the dangers of populism, extremism and nationalism around the world. Delegates explored case studies of how faith communities are already tackling on democracy and civic engagement issues.

– **‘Difficult Histories and Positive Identities’** – 25 – 26 February 2019

A roundtable, two-day residential conference which explored the legacy of difficult histories in relation to contemporary identities and belonging. Experts and practitioners from diverse educational institutions and civil society came together to investigate how engaging with difficult histories can help us to shape the positive identity of citizens, and to create meaningful feelings of political and social belonging.

– **‘Working Identities’** – 11 – 12 March 2019

This conference will explore how identities based on work are transforming in an age characterised by precariousness, digitalisation, frequent job changes, meaningless labour, and other developments that change the role and significance of work in people’s lives.

– **‘Understanding and Policing Gangs’** – 21 – 23 June 2019

This annual event is now in its 38th year. In 2019, it will bring together a multi-agency delegation of police officers, academics, non-governmental organisations, policymakers and practitioners, over three days, for a thorough exploration of gang culture and identities in Britain today.



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- **‘Life Beyond the PhD’** – 27 – 31 August 2019
Now in its twelfth year, this five-day summer conference brings PhD and early career researchers together for training in communication, public engagement, and interdisciplinary working and to explore the impact and value of their research beyond the job market.

Other Schemes and Programmes

Cumberland Lodge’s other Schemes and Programmes include:

- **Emerging International Leaders Programme on Freedom of Religion or Belief**

Launched in 2017 and funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, this programme empowers fifty international students, across three residential retreats, to become advocates for FoRB in their universities and home countries.

- **Cumberland Lodge Debate**

This is an annual event. 2018’s inaugural Debate – ‘What should it mean to be British?’ – was hosted by the BBC’s Evan Davis, and speakers included Professor Anthony Heath, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Oxford, Majid Majid, Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Patricia O’Lynn, 2018-20 Cumberland Lodge Scholar, and Anne Wafula Strike MBE, British paralympian wheelchair racer.

- **Cumberland Conversations**

Throughout the year we host a series of Cumberland Conversations for members of the local community. Our most recent Conversations featured, in October 2018, [Tony Laithwaite](#) of Laithwaite wines, and, in June 2018, pianist, singer and composer, [Adrian Snell](#).

- **Cumberland Colloquia Scheme**

Now in its seventh year, the Cumberland Colloquia scheme has supported ten colloquia on topics ranging from the corporate responsibility to protect human rights to the most recent colloquium on ‘Social Cohesion In Times of Uncertainty’. In October 2018 we hosted our eleventh colloquium, ‘The Politics of (Post) Truth’.

- **St Catharine’s Sessions**

The Lodge facilitates ‘St Catharine’s Sessions’ throughout the year, which are seminars for visiting student groups which encourage an engagement with social and ethical issues that fall outside of the students’ own fields of study.

Schools Engagement

In addition to these activities, we also deliver a range of [workshops](#) aimed at school children and young people from Key Stages 1 through 5.

- **Delicious Dahl and The BFG (Workshops for Key Stages 1, 2 & 3)**

Developed in collaboration with the University of the West of England, this workshop utilises Cumberland Lodge’s connection to Dahl and The BFG to get young people thinking critically about stories, identity and ideology. In particular, the workshop uses children’s literature to highlight the way literature can shape our values, and influence social and cultural structures.

- **Citizens Workshops (Workshops for Key Stages 4 and 5)**

‘Citizens’ is a three year project led by Royal Holloway, University of London funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Working in collaboration with Cumberland Lodge and the Justice Museum, the project explores the history of liberty, protest, rebellion and reform from the Magna Carta to the twenty-first century. Through a series of workshops, the project aims to encourage young

people to become more socially and politically aware, and to encourage them to think critically about their own role in the democratic process – their position as citizens.



Cumberland Lodge Scholarship Scheme

Every year, the Cumberland Lodge Scholarship Scheme gives six doctoral students the opportunity to be involved with the work of the Lodge over two years and to benefit from our expertise at running interdisciplinary conferences and our extensive networks in academia and public life. They join the Amy Buller Scholar (recruited every three years) and Cara Scholar (recruited annually).

Scholars have the opportunity to take part in conferences outside their own academic disciplines. In doing so, they will gain experience in: working collaboratively; engaging in cross-disciplinary discussion; public engagement and facilitation at events; networking; and writing for a range of different audiences. They are also eligible to apply for a personal development grant of up to £300, to use in an imaginative way to promote 'the betterment of society', in line with the vision and mission of Cumberland Lodge as an educational foundation.

The scholarship programme is designed to fit around the demands of doctoral research. There is a commitment to take part in two conferences per year and to attend the Annual Lecture and the Scholars' Retreat, although some scholars may be invited to attend other events in addition to this. Scholars are expected to prepare for each event at the Lodge (for example, reading background information). They are also required to play a full and active part in the Lodge's conferences, including leading workshops, taking part in discussions, chairing sessions, hosting speakers, networking with delegates and supporting Cumberland Lodge staff as required. Scholars will also write news articles and blog pieces following events they attend.

Scholars receive free membership to the Friends of Cumberland Lodge scheme. Benefits include priority booking for a range of events, invitations to members-only events at the Lodge, visits to places of interest that have a connection to the Lodge, a lapel badge and a quarterly newsletter with news and insight into life at the Lodge.

Scholars receive free food and accommodation while staying with us for scholarship activities, and economy rate travel expenses will be covered once approved by a member of staff. The Lodge has the feel of both a college and a country house conference centre and it is noted for the quality of its food, accommodation and hospitality.

What being a Scholar involves

An annual retreat

The retreat brings scholars together at the start of the academic year for a weekend induction retreat, from Friday to Sunday afternoon, to introduce them to one another and the Lodge. The event includes input from, and discussion with, a leading academic on a topic of general interest, and communication training.

Participating in Cumberland Lodge conferences

Over the two years of the scholarship, scholars will participate in four Cumberland Lodge conferences (although they may attend more events if they choose). Conferences normally run for 36 hours, i.e. inside two days, requiring one night to be spent at the Lodge.



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Cumberland Lodge Lecture and Dinner

Each year a leading figure gives the annual lecture, which is followed by a dinner for Trustees, staff and invited guests.

Scholars are expected to attend and help host the event. The time commitment is one afternoon and evening, plus travel. Accommodation can be provided if necessary.

Writing

Scholars are expected to write a short follow-up piece after each event they attend at the Lodge. This can take the form of a blog (500-600 words), reflection, or newsletter article (250 words).

Social media

Scholars are encouraged to engage with the work of the Lodge via social media channels, particularly whilst attending conferences and events.

Acting as an ambassador

Scholars are expected to help make others aware of the Lodge and its activities at their universities and elsewhere, and when requested, to provide material for Cumberland Lodge promotional activities.

Application process

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a commitment to working for 'the betterment of society' through their academic research and/or other activities. The Lodge prefers to offer scholarships to those who can show that an association with Cumberland Lodge would help them in this respect.

Candidates must be studying for a doctorate at a university in the United Kingdom, and be able to commit to a two year programme. It is therefore likely, but not essential, that they will currently be in the first year of their doctorate. All types of doctoral candidate are eligible to apply, including full-time, part-time and those on non-traditional pathways and professional doctorate programmes.

Applications will be accepted only from those who are registered as doctoral students. If you have not yet transferred from masters to doctoral status, you are eligible to apply providing your supervisor can confirm that you are working to doctoral standard. Those currently registered for a master's degree who hope to go on to study for a doctorate may not apply.

Split-site students are eligible to apply, however, Cumberland Lodge will **not** be able to meet the cost of travel outside the UK.

Applicants must be open to working across disciplines and engaging with a wide range of subject matter. Cumberland Lodge is committed to understanding and addressing the root causes and effects of social divisions, and to working towards more open, peaceful and inclusive societies, but applications are welcome from any academic discipline or area of study.

To apply, please complete the application form, available on the Cumberland Lodge website, and return it to our Education Officer, Dr Rachel Smillie, at rsmillie@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk.

Applicants are required to give the names of two referees, one academic (their doctoral supervisor) and one non-academic. Candidates will only be considered if they can demonstrate that their application is supported by their university.



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Please note that all applicants must be available to attend the annual Scholars' Retreat at Cumberland Lodge, from **6 to 8 September 2019**.

Closing date and interviews

Applications open on **Friday 1st March 2019**, and will close at **midnight** on **Friday 29th March 2019**. Applicants will be informed if they are shortlisted for interview by **Tuesday 30th April** and interviews will take place by Skype during the week commencing **Monday 6th May**.

Due to the high number of anticipated applications we are unfortunately unable to provide feedback for applicants who are not invited to interview.

Questions?

For any questions not answered in this document, please contact Education Officer, Dr Rachel Smillie, at rsmillie@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk, or on 01784 497781.