

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 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 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 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, the Latin Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

The programme has a strong international outlook and will be offered in English and German.

Requirements: a completed Master 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 Master programmes may be considered for a predoctoral 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 basic understanding of German.

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 timetable 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 to the following address: application@berliner-antike-kolleg.org by **30 June 2012**. 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.

For further information about the programme see <http://berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/prom/histas/>

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