

Call for applications – Adam von Trott Study Bursary 2022

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A study bursary scheme in commemoration of Adam von Trott has been put in place by the University of Göttingen, the Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen e.V., and the Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee (University of Oxford). The bursary enables the beneficiary to travel to Oxford 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 Göttingen and Oxford University (at Mansfield and Balliol Colleges), studying in Britain was a hugely significant experience with a lasting influence on his political ideas and which sensitized him to new points of view and currents of thought. In a similar way, the study bursary is designed to enable the beneficiary to explore new perspectives and make new contacts across national borders.

The bursary scheme is part of the collaboration project “Resistance – Democracy – Internationality” between the University of Göttingen and the Stiftung Adam von Trott, Imshausen e.V. It is sponsored by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media.

The call for applications for one short-term scholarship (“study bursary”) for a Master’s/Doctoral/Staatsexamen student of the University of Göttingen – for a study stay of four weeks at the University of Oxford in autumn 2022 – 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. Students are expected to organize their stay independently, though advice and support will be available. The bursary is awarded in accordance with the rules of the University’s Scholarship Directive.

The research or study topic of the applicant should ideally refer to one of the collaboration topics: resistance, responsibility, democracy, peace, internationality, Europe, or directly to Adam von Trott. Strong preference is given to candidates who will be working in those fields. The application should show how the study visit to Oxford would support their current studies (through participation in seminars, fieldwork or interviews, use of libraries and specialized archives, etc.). The bursary has been set up to build exchanges between the Universities of Göttingen and Oxford and overall to promote positive links between Germany and Great Britain, and this will be taken into consideration in the final selection.

Applicants are encouraged to name relevant academic researchers (professors or postgraduates) in their application whom they would like to meet during their stay in Oxford.

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

We would expect the successful candidate to arrange their visit so that they spend at least two weeks during the formal Oxford term in autumn (i.e. 9 October – 3 December 2022).

Please email your application as a single PDF file to the coordinator of the project, Mr. Lars Jakob (trott@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 is 16 March 2022.

All applicants are most likely to be informed about the awarding of the bursary by the end of April. A selection committee of the three project partners, the University of Göttingen, the Stiftung Adam von Trott and the Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee, will decide on the award of the bursary.

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.

Please note that the study visit to Oxford can only take place if the university regulations in Göttingen and Oxford allow this, taking into consideration the pandemic situation in autumn.

If you have any questions about the bursary, please contact the project coordinator, Mr. Lars Jakob.

You can find more information about the project at www.uni-goettingen.de/trott.

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