

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY IN ITALIAN

This list gives an indication of some of the possibilities for postgraduate funding that are offered by Italian Departments. The list is, however, incomplete and any student who is considering postgraduate study should get in touch with individual departments to find out what possibilities are on offer.

University of Bangor

The University at Bangor has a Graduate Teaching Assistantship Scheme (students get the equivalent of an AHRC grant and teach up to 10 hours per week in the department). This is open both to MA Students (MA in Translation Studies or MA in European Studies). One post is reserved for Italian (our new GTA has just registered for a PhD so we will not be advertising another one until 2012). Alternatively, there are college bursaries/studentships, etc. which vary from year to year. Information can be found on:

<http://www.bangor.ac.uk/studentfinance/postgrad/index.php.en?menu=11&catid=1841&subid=0>

University of Birmingham

In 2009-10 (for 2010-11), we have the following. The internal awards may be adjusted next year (too early to know yet) but the AHRC will remain:

- 1) One full PhD AHRC award in Italian (we have one a year for duration of block grant)
- 2) 10 full AHRC-equivalent College of Arts and Law awards for PhD, including Italian.
- 3) 6 full MA or MPhil awards through the School of Languages Cultures Art History and Music awards (available for the MA in Italian: Culture and Communication joint with Warwick and for a research Masters in Italian)
- 4) A number (as yet unspecified) of teaching fellowships available through the College of Arts and Law.

Deadlines for all awards are likely to be the beginning of March 2010. The fellowships are only available to students already enrolled on a PhD.

University of Bristol

Under the AHRC Block Grant Partnership the Italian Department has one PhD studentship beginning in the year 2010-2011 and another PhD studentship beginning in the year 2013-2014.

There are a number of other opportunities for full and partial funding of postgraduate study offered by the University of Bristol. Including: Faculty of Arts Scholarships; University of Bristol Home UK/EU centenary Postgraduate Scholarships; Overseas Centenary Postgraduate Research Scholarships. For details of all these schemes, see <http://www.bris.ac.uk/sml/prosppost/uobfund.html> and <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/scholarships/index.html>

Enquiries, however informal, should be directed to C.G.ORawe@bristol.ac.uk or to Kate.Withers@bristol.ac.uk at the Graduate School.

University of Cambridge

(general info: <http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/italian/courses/pgrad/>)

AHRC funded, 2009-13 (deadline currently 30 January each year)

PhD (all areas of Italian Studies). 7 grants. (1 starting in 2009, 2 in 2010, 1 in 2011, 2 in 2012, 1 in 2013)
Masters (for Italianists taking MPhil courses in European Literature; Linguistics; or Screen Media) . 2 grants. (1 starting in 2010, 1 in 2012)

Internally funded

There is a complicated list of Cambridge bursaries, mostly open to a wide range of subjects and some with particular criteria and restrictions, for both PhD and Masters courses. Modern Languages (and Italian within that) are normally successful in being awarded several of these each year, but numbers vary.

See the following site for a summary: <http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/gradstudies/funding-for-print.html>

University College Cork

Enquiries should be directed to MChu@italian.ucc.ie or S.Ross@ucc.ie
For further information see: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/postgraduate/research/>

Departmental Funding

In recent years, it has been possible to reimburse tuition fees for registered postgraduate students without other sources of funding. A certain amount of language teaching is assigned to postgraduate students.

University Funding

1) PhD Postgraduate Scholarships: Fee waiver for Non EU nationals

See <http://www.ucc.ie/en/international/PostgraduateNon-EUStudents/>

2) In some years, the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences (CACSSS) awards PhD Scholarships, consisting of fees and a small bursary (in 2008-2009, this was €1,500 p.a.). See <http://www.ucc.ie/en/cacssgrads/fundinfo/>

External Funding

1) Students are encouraged and supported in their applications for PhD Scholarships awarded by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities (Fees + €16,000 p.a.): four current students have been successful in this competition. The deadline for 2010-2011 is 11 January 2010, but applications must be signed off by Department and the Research Office in UCC in advance of this deadline. See <http://www.irchss.ie/schemes/scheme01/index.html>

2) Graduates of the National University of Ireland are eligible to apply for an NUI Travelling Studentship in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

See <http://www.nui.ie/awards/postgraduates.asp>

University of Edinburgh

The College of Humanities and Social Science and the School of Literatures Languages and Cultures offer a range of full maintenance and fees-only postgraduate studentships.

For admission information and application forms see: <http://www.llc.ed.ac.uk/graduateschool/index.html>.

For informal enquiries please contact Professor Federica G. Pedriali (f.pedriali@ed.ac.uk), Head of Italian and Italian Postgraduate Director, or contact Ms Kate Marshall (kate.marshall@ed.ac.uk).

University of Exeter

Italian at Exeter is part of the Department of Modern Languages. Bursaries and scholarships are directly managed by Modern Languages and by the School of Arts, Languages and Literatures. One of the PhD scholarships obtained by Exeter as part of the AHRC Block Grant Partnership is destined for Italian (starting 2010/11).

University of Leicester

At Leicester next year we are likely to have, as this year, 1 bursary for Italian, fees paid plus £5,000 approx, and two other similar bursaries open to all applicants to the School of Modern Languages.

University of Leeds

Information for Leeds is available at

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/smlc/pgfunding.htm> for the School (there are no bursaries specifically earmarked for Italian; information is updated during the year)

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/italian/postgraduate.htm#fees> for the dept: under the Block Grant Partnership we have a Research Preparation Mastership award for 2011-12 and a doctoral award starting in 2013.

University of Manchester

AHRC Block Grant awards in Languages at Manchester which may interest candidates in Italian studies:

2010: 1 in Film Studies and 1 in Linguistics

2011: 1 in Italian, 1 in Interpreting and Translation, and 1 in Linguistics

2012: 1 in Film Studies and 1 in Linguistics

Successful EU applicants for fees-only AHRC Block Grant PhD awards may receive top-up funding, finance permitting.

School of Languages, Linguistics and Culture Bursaries:

Applicants who intent to start a PhD in Italian Studies in 2010/11 are entitled to apply for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (paying the full fees plus a bursary of £6,500 per annum) and for a number of fee bursaries offered by the School on a competitive basis. For details please see <http://www.llc.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/funding/>.

University of Oxford

For the current five-year period until 2013 Oxford can offer in Italian two full AHRC doctoral awards and one AHRC Masters awards each academic year.

There are in addition a small number of awards that are not Italian-specific: one offered by the Medieval and Modern Languages Faculty (the Heath Harrison award, equivalent to that of an AHRC doctoral award), and others by the University. For full details see the website at:

http://grad.mml.ox.ac.uk/funding_fees

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In addition, the Italian Sub-Faculty has a policy of involving experienced graduate students in paid teaching towards the faculty syllabus or for individual colleges.

Royal Holloway, University of London

2010: One 3-year Language Assistantship (half-time) combined with a full-time PhD scholarship including fee waiver

2010: One Dionisotti research scholarship for full-time PhD including fee waiver.

2011: Two 3-year Language Assistantship (half-time) combined with a full-time PhD scholarship including fee waiver.

Candidates in Italian are also eligible to apply for scholarships and bursaries awarded by the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures (SMLLC). These are normally advertised early in the New Year. Awards range from full scholarships equivalent to AHRC PhD scholarships down to simple fee waivers with no maintenance award attached.

Informal enquiries to: j.everson@rhul.ac.uk

Scholarship and general information, see: <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/modern-languages/research-and-postgraduates.html>

Tutor for Graduate Studies for the School of Modern Languages etc: j.obrien@rhul.ac.uk

University of St Andrews

The School of Modern Languages offers a range of postgraduate studentships:

For Admissions information and application forms see:

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg/Applicationprocess/>

For informal enquiries please contact Dr Rossella Riccobono (rmr8@st-andrews.ac.uk), PG Convenor for Italian, or the Postgraduate Secretary, School of Modern Languages, Mrs Barbara Fleming (bf@st-andrews.ac.uk).

University of Strathclyde

The University of Strathclyde does not offer bursaries to Italian as such, but it does offer John Anderson PG scholarships for which intending post-grads from any university and in any discipline can apply. Currently we have four PGs in Italian who hold such bursaries.

University of Warwick

We will have postgraduate bursaries as follows (all full fees + maintenance, to AHRC-equivalent level):

2011: 1 AHRC Research Preparation Masters award

2012: 3 departmental PhD bursaries, in any of the research areas in which the department specializes;

2013: 1 AHRC PhD award + 1 university PhD scholarship (Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarship), in any of the research areas in which the department specializes.

For further information see: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/italian/postgrad>

Enquiries, however informal, should be directed to J.E.Burns@Warwick.ac.uk