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Cumberland Lodge Scholarship Scheme 2018 - 2020

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 offer a 'safe' space for unsafe conversations, tackling the causes and effects of social divisions by challenging silo thinking and equipping and inspiring people to engage in constructive dialogue.

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
- **Interdisciplinary 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.

Cumberland Lodge celebrated its 70th anniversary as an educational foundation in 2017. Find out more about its history and heritage at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/timeline.



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2017 – 2018 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 2017-2018, we are hosting the following events:

– **‘Education and Social Cohesion’** – 10 October 2017

The first in the year from our Cumberland Seminars series, this evening event, attended by social commentators, parliamentarians, business leaders and researchers, looked at the relationship between education and social cohesion. An introductory briefing from former Labour politician, Lord Andrew Adonis, was followed by discussion over dinner, finally uniting in a closing plenary session.

– **‘Eliminating Slavery: Enhancing the Police Response’** – 30 October 2017

A follow-up event to the 36th annual Cumberland Lodge Police Conference in April 2017, this London Seminar took place at the House of Commons, brought together policymakers, senior civil servants and influencers in Westminster to continue discussions on the issue of modern slavery and the implications and priorities for policing.

– **‘A Generation Without Hate’** – 2 – 3 November 2017

This two-day residential conference, and a key event in our Freedom Series, tackled the ongoing scourge of prejudice-motivated hate crime, which threatens both social cohesion and the freedom of individuals to interact in society without fear of prejudice, discrimination and torment. It was attended by frontline practitioners, educationalists, grant-makers, NGOs, academics and advocacy groups.

– **‘What Motivates Extremism?’** – 8 November

This cross-sector Cumberland Seminar was led by prominent anthropologist Professor Harvey Whitehouse, and sought new insight into what we know about extremist behaviour.

– **70th Commonwealth and International Student Christmas** – 18 – 20 December 2017

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 2017 we were joined by author AL Kennedy, Jessica Ball of Creating Meaning, and photographer Bill Knight OBE.

– **‘Freedom & Sexuality: LGBTQI+ rights in the Commonwealth’** – 26 – 27 February 2018

In partnership with the Kaleidoscope Trust and attended by international students, global advocates, charity leaders, academics and policy influencers, this conference aimed to give a voice to LGBTI+ communities across the Commonwealth and to support joint advocacy in identifying a Commonwealth solution to a Commonwealth problem.

– **‘Violence Against Women: Towards an Integrated Approach’** – 8 March 2018

A follow-up event to February 2017’s conference ‘Violence Against Women: A Determinant of Health’, this London Seminar explores the multi-dimensional implications of gender-based violence and seeks to drive an integrated approach to supporting women who have experienced violence.

– **‘Freedom Restrained? Public Protection, Risk and Policing’** – 20 – 22 April 2018

Bringing together a multi-agency delegation of senior police officers, civil servants, think tanks, lawyers and academics, the 37th Annual Cumberland Lodge Police Conference will explore the interplay between public security and individual freedoms. It will examine the call for greater police intervention and protection against the countervailing concerns about profiling bias, long-term retention of data, and intrusive intelligence gathering.



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- **‘Life Beyond the PhD’ – 13 – 17 August 2018**
Now in its eleventh year, this 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 Lecture**

This is our annual lecture, and plans for 2018’s October lecture, to be held in October, are still underway. 2017’s Windsor Lecture was delivered by Baron Finkelstein OBE, the British journalist and politician and former executive editor of *The Times*.

- **Cumberland Conversations**

Throughout the year we host a series of Cumberland Conversations for members of the local community. Forthcoming Conversations will feature humanitarian and author, Terry Waite CBE, and pianist, singer and composer, Adrian Snell.

- **Cumberland Colloquia Scheme**

Now in its sixth 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 will host our eleventh colloquium, ‘Enough of Experts? Navigating the “Post-Truth” World’.

- **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.



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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.

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.



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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, journal entry, article or website material.

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.

Please note that all applicants must be available to attend the annual Scholars' Retreat at Cumberland Lodge, from **7 to 9 September 2018**.



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Closing date and interviews

The closing date for applications is **midnight on Friday 30th March 2018**. Applicants will be informed if they are shortlisted for interview by **Friday 27th April 2018** and interviews will take place by Skype during the week commencing **Monday 7th May 2018**.

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.