Project Description

1. **Offering School**: SCHOOL OF HISTORY, POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2. **Details of external co-funders/partners**: THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

3. **Eligibility**: UK/EU nationals who meet the Research Council residency criteria welcome to apply. For details of the residency criteria please refer to the Research Council Handbook (Section 6/44-46). If you are unsure about your eligibility please email pgradmissions@le.ac.uk and we will be happy to make an assessment for you.

**Academic Criteria** - Applicants are required to hold a Bachelor Degree at 2:1 or better in a relevant subject and hold or are expected to hold a Master’s degree in a relevant subject by September 2017

4. **Mode of Study**: FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

5. **Expected Start Date**: 1 OCTOBER 2017

**Funding Available**

6. **FULL AHRC COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIP**

**Award Components and Value:**
Stipend at AHRC rate (£14553 for 2017/18), plus fees, plus an additional stipend payment of £550 for Collaborative Doctoral Students (TBC). The studentship includes an additional six months of funding from the AHRC’s Student Development Fund, which can (subject to agreement) be used to support appropriate training or a placement based on the student’s individual training needs. The National Archives will also provide up to £1,000 per year (subject to agreement) for three years to support the student’s research-related expenses such as travel costs. The student will be integrated into and supported by the research community at The National Archives, and will be able to participate in The National Archives’s Postgraduate Archival Skills Training (PAST) workshops, which provide archival research skills for historians based on The National Archives's wide range of records.

7. **Duration of Funding**: 3 YEARS, though this may be extended subject to agreed use of the Student Development Fund (see above).

8. **Closing Date for Applications**: 10th April 2017

Interviews will be held on 26th April at The National Archives, Kew
9. **Research Areas and Supervision**

Defending Modernity? Communicating With the Public about Nuclear Energy: Historical Perspectives

The successful candidate will undertake a PhD thesis on how Government departments and state agencies that supported the development of nuclear power promoted and defended this commitment to the public from the late 1950s. The student will explore how organisations formulated their external communications strategies, collaborated with (and challenged) each other, the wider industry and international associates and how these strategies changed over time.

10. **Names of supervisor**: Dr Sally Horrocks and Dr Ben Clements, at Leicester, and Dr Stephen Twigge, Head of Modern Collections and Dr Tim Powell, Regional and Networks Team, at The National Archives.

11. **Further Details Available at**

   [http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/history/postgraduate/collaborative-doctoral-award-opportunities](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/history/postgraduate/collaborative-doctoral-award-opportunities)

12. **Entry Requirements**

The successful candidate will have an excellent BA Honours degree, or equivalent qualification. They will have, or be studying for a Master’s Degree in a relevant subject (e.g. modern history, history of science, technology and medicine, science communication, science and technology studies, politics)

13. **Informal Enquiries**

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