AHRC CDP PhD Studentship: Science, Technology and Road Safety

Project Description
1. Offering School/Department: SCHOOL OF HISTORY, POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
2. Details of external co-funders/partners: THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, LONDON
3. Eligibility:
   Open to UK/EU applicants who fulfil RCUK residency requirements.
   For details of the residency requirements please refer to The Research Council Handbook [Section 6/43-46]. If you are unsure about your eligibility please email pgradmissions@le.ac.uk who 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
5. Expected Start Date: OCTOBER 2017

Funding Available
6. FULL AHRC COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL STUDENTSHIP
7. Award Components and Value:
   Stipend at AHRC rate (£14553 for 2017/18), plus fees, plus up to £1000 per annum from the Science Museum for research-related costs and staff-level access to the Science Museum collections, expertise and facilities. The student also benefits from the dedicated programme of professional development events delivered by the Science Museum in tandem with the other museums, galleries and heritage organisations affiliated to the CDP scheme.
   Additional Student Development Funding (equivalent to an additional 6 months of funding per studentship) is available to allow time for the student to take up further training and skills development opportunities that are agreed as part of their PhD programme.
8. Duration of Funding: 36 months plus 6 months Student Development Funding

Closing Date for Applications
Monday 10 April 2017, 1700 (London time)

Research Areas and Supervision

Science, Technology and Road Safety in the Motor Age
The successful candidate will undertake a project that examines research on road safety in 1960s Britain conducted in the government-funded Road Research Laboratory and other, similar organizations. Working with the Science Museum, the student will undertake a series of case-studies of specific innovations such as the driverless car and seat belts held in the Museum’s collections. By contextualising these objects the project will illuminate their development and the wider processes of research into road safety at a time of heightened concern about the effects of mass motorization.

Names of supervisors:
Professor Simon Gunn and Dr Sally Horrocks (School of History, Politics and International Relations) Dr Oliver Carpenter and Dr David Rooney (Science Museum)
Entry Requirements
The successful candidate will have a BA Honours degree of 2:1 or above. They will have completed a relevant Master’s degree before October 2017. Applicants from a range of backgrounds including history, history of science, technology and medicine, science and technology studies, geography and sociology are encouraged to apply.

Informal Enquiries
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HOW TO APPLY
Please apply for this funded PhD using our online application system
Apply for History/September 2017 entry

IMPORTANT
In the Funding section of the online application form select STUDENTSHP and select AHRC from the dropdown options. Please make sure you include the project title and supervisors names in the proposal section of the form.