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Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

The Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London (UCL), and the German Historical Institute London (GHIL) intend to appoint a Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, tenable for a period of six months from 1 October 2025. Now in its ninth year, the purpose of the Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellowship is to offer an outstanding early career scholar from a German university the opportunity to pursue independent research in the stimulating intellectual environment of the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Applications are invited from postdoctoral academics with an excellent research record. The fellowship is open to those working in any of the subjects that have a strong research base at the Institute of Advanced Studies and the German Historical Institute London such as history, art history and literary studies. There are no restrictions on nationality. Applicants, however, have to be based at a German university or non-university research institution. They must also have obtained their doctorate and will normally have no more than five years postdoctoral research experience in an academic environment.

Fellows will be expected to take up their residence in London for the duration of the fellowship and give presentations on their research project at both institutions. To allow the fellow to focus on carrying out research, there are no teaching or administrative duties associated with the fellowship.

The non-pensionable and tax-free grant will be 3,000 € per month. During the fellowship the fellows have to be on unpaid leave from their home institutions.

The successful candidate will be provided with work space (on a shared basis) at UCL, and will also have full access to the research facilities at both UCL and the GHIL. Neither institution, however, can provide accommodation during the fellowship.

Applicants should send a CV, details of their proposed research project (maximum length 1000 words), a sample of their written work (preferably in English) and the names of two referees in one PDF-file to m.schaich@ghil.ac.uk by 11 June 2025.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of the director of the Institute of Advanced Studies, a representative of the German Department of University College London and two representatives of the German Historical Institute London. Unfortunately, the Institute of Advanced Studies and the German Historical Institute London are unable to provide feedback for the applicants who are not selected.

Enquiries about the Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellowship should be made to the Deputy Director of the GHIL, Dr Michael Schaich (m.schaich@ghil.ac.uk).