

The Faiths & Civil Society Unit at Goldsmiths, University of London, invites applications for October 2015 entry to our MPhil/PhD Religious Studies programme.

We are seeking proposals with a focus on any aspect of religion, belief and spirituality in the contemporary world, as studied interdisciplinarily, though including a focus on Theology and/or Religious Studies.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects with change and impact in mind, and to connect in demonstrable ways with the priorities of the Faiths & Civil Society Unit, and its current portfolio of research (see www.gold.ac.uk/faithsunit for details).

Our intellectual environment fosters the problem-driven and cross- and interdisciplinary research vital to addressing the new challenges of a world shaped by the speed of technological innovation and global change. Understanding and promoting the value of human culture and creativity in addressing such challenges is central to the CHASE vision of postgraduate research and professional development. We support discipline-based projects, but also specialise in interdisciplinary research and research in emerging fields of study and creative practice. Our research and training environment encourages our doctoral students to develop interdisciplinary methodologies and to explore how to integrate their research with developments in digital technologies. In addition, our network of partnerships with leading arts and humanities organisations, including faith-based and faith-related bodies, provides an outstanding resource for future CHASE scholars.

Goldsmiths is part of the **CHASE AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership** (alongside the Courtauld Institute of Art, the Open University and the Universities of East Anglia, Essex, Kent and Sussex) and successful applicants for PhD study will be eligible to apply for studentship funding (see <http://www.gold.ac.uk/ahrc/overview/>).

Applications for funding in the Faiths & Civil Society Unit will be considered by Goldsmiths under the category of 'History, Thought and Systems of Belief', with the best applicants put forward to the CHASE selection panel of that name. Applications will be considered on a competitive basis. *Please note that competition for funding is fierce and the offer of a place for study is no guarantee of funding.*

For UK students, these awards cover both fees and maintenance and for EU residents awards are on a fees only basis. The funding will cover professional development opportunities, including the enhancement of public engagement skills and placements with CHASE partner organisations in the UK and overseas. **To be considered for one of these awards, please note that you need to have applied to a PhD programme by 14 January 2015.** We encourage you to contact us as early as possible to discuss your proposal.

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK BY 14 JANUARY 2015. <http://www.gold.ac.uk/pg/mphil-phd-religious-studies/>