

STIP: Ph.D. Fellowships in German Studies at Rutgers University (15.02.2022)

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Call for Applications: Ph.D. Fellowships in German Studies

Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA

The Department of Germanic, Russian, and East European Languages and Literatures at Rutgers University is currently inviting applications for its Ph.D. program in Germanic Studies starting September 2022.

Founded in 1766, Rutgers is a premier national research university with a diverse student body and three distinct campuses located in close proximity to New York City and Philadelphia. The graduate program in German Studies offers a vibrant and comprehensive curriculum with an emphasis on 18th- to 21st-century literature and cultural history, literary theory, gender and media studies, Jewish studies, psychoanalysis, avant-garde and modernism studies. In addition to the core German Studies faculty, affiliate faculty in Jewish Studies, Art History, History, and Political Science offer courses in German Studies and work actively with our students. The department has close ties to a number of interdisciplinary initiatives at Rutgers, including the Center for Cultural Analysis, the Center for European Studies, and the Digital Humanities Initiative. The German Department also hosts a Charlotte-M.-Craig Distinguished Guest Professor each year who teaches a graduate seminar in the spring semester.

Graduate students are trained in cross-disciplinary, critical, and theoretical thinking and receive a thorough pedagogical training in language instruction. Our students are able to explore a wide array of related academic fields in graduate seminars, colloquia, faculty-guided independent studies, and professional development workshops. They can enhance their training with graduate certificates in Cinema Studies, Literary Theory, Women and Gender Studies, and World Language Teaching, and have the opportunity to take courses in neighboring departments such as Princeton, Columbia, NYU, and CUNY through the Doctoral Consortium. The German Department has close ties to several departments and institutions in Germany and holds an annual summer academy on "Media Philology" in conjunction with the Ruhr-Universität-Bochum.

Fellowships

Applicants are eligible for a combination of fellowships and teaching assistantships in German that covers up to five years of full support. Additional support beyond this guaranteed funding is available through instructorship and competitive fellowships, and our faculty members take great care in training graduate students for competitive fellowship applications. In addition to their stipend, graduate students receive remission of tuition and fees and health benefits. The German Department provides opportunities for summer research support through language instruction on campus and abroad and individual research fellowships. Generous funding is available for conference travel, archival research, and other scholarly and professional activities.

Application Requirements

- online application
- statement of academic purpose, which includes educational objectives and career goals, professional reasons for choosing German Studies and why this can best be done

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- writing sample which demonstrates skills in reading literary or philosophical works (ca. 15 pp.)
- three letters of recommendation
- academic transcripts
- B.A. or M.A. degree certificates or equivalent in German or a related field.
- TOEFL test results or equivalent for non-native English speakers
- evidence of advanced German language skills for non-native German speakers

The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2022**, but later applications will be given consideration with rolling admissions until April 2022. Application materials can be submitted in English or German here: <http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/overview>.

For any questions and more information about the graduate program, please visit our website, or contact Prof. Nicola Behrmann, Director of Graduate Studies: behrmann@rutgers.edu.