



Sainsbury Research Unit for the Arts of Africa, Oceania & the Americas

Information for Research Enquiries (PhD)

Applicants to do research at the Sainsbury Research Unit (SRU) are invited to submit a proposal for research that will involve library-archival study and/or fieldwork and/or collections-based research in our areas of specialisation, plus a period of writing up, to be completed in 3-4 years. Applicants are expected to have a good undergraduate degree, and preferably a Masters degree, in anthropology, art history, archaeology or a related subject. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact an appropriate member of SRU faculty in the first instance to discuss their project.

There is no obligatory coursework component for a UK doctorate, but students receive research methods and fieldwork training sessions, as well as close and regular supervision. Students attend a regular programme of graduate seminars, which keeps them in touch academically and socially with others. Research students have personal office space with PCs, scanners and printers, and we aim to establish a feeling of belonging to a research group in residence, supplemented by visiting fellows and visiting lecturers. Other research students in Art History and World Art Studies also work in the Sainsbury Centre, providing a wide-ranging mix of topics and research colleagues.

Funding: applicants from the UK, the EC and from Overseas are eligible to apply for a range of grants and awards available through the University of East Anglia and the SRU including CHASE/HUM/SRU. Applications for the SRU awards are processed through the SRU.

Please contact the SRU Admissions Secretary for further information about awards and application timetables. Overseas applicants should also investigate British Council, Commonwealth or other funding through their own university or government body. Fees for the academic year 2015-16 are yet to be announced for UK/EC students. Overseas fees are £13,550.

Applicants wishing to undertake research at the SRU should complete an online application form and attach a research proposal (c. 1000 words) covering the proposed topic, its context, a brief review of relevant literature, an indication of when and how the research will be carried out, and in what field location. Application deadline is 1 March of the year of intended entry.