

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
FACULTY OF HISTORY



The Balzan-Skinner Lecture in Modern Intellectual History since c.1500

Further particulars

The Faculty of History has received funding for five years from the International Balzan Prize Foundation to establish an annual Lecture in modern intellectual history since c. 1500.

The Balzan-Skinner scholar will hold a Visiting Fellowship at the University's Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) for one term or semester during the 2010-2011 academic year. He/she will be required to be resident in Cambridge for this period (up to a maximum of twelve weeks), during which time he/she will receive an accommodation grant from CRASSH of £2,000 and will be allocated working space. The scholar will not be employed by the University of Cambridge.

The second Balzan-Skinner Lecture in modern intellectual history since c. 1500 will be delivered at the close of the scholar's period of residence in Cambridge, and will be accompanied by a one-day colloquium (to be held by the close of June 2011), which he/she will organise in conjunction with a member of the Appointments Committee. It is intended that the colloquium will be widely advertised. Several eminent scholars will be invited to deliver formal comments on the theme of the Lecture, and the wider issues raised by it. Each scholar will be invited to submit to the Appointments Committee the names of those to be invited as formal speakers. The final list will be agreed by the Committee.

The University of Cambridge will make available a sum of up to £18,000 to reimburse the scholar's existing employer for the cost of release from his/her normal academic duties to complete a piece of research on which the second Balzan-Skinner Lecture in modern intellectual history since c. 1500 will be based.

The Lecture will be published, subject to the standard refereeing process, in a suitably extended and annotated form in *The Historical Journal*.

Eligibility

Scholars holding posts (irrespective of the source of funding) in institutions of higher education or research who are ideally in the early stages of their careers (normally at a stage no further than ten years beyond the award of the PhD degree) are eligible to apply.

Application procedures

Applications should consist of the following:

- A *curriculum vitae* (providing details of educational qualifications and publications, including work in progress, current salary details and the names of three academic referees)
- An employment coversheet (PD18 form). This can be downloaded from the HR Division's web page: <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/forms/pd18/>
- A short sample of published work (up to about 10,000 words)

- A brief (maximum 500 words) statement outlining a preliminary proposal for the Balzan-Skinner Lecture.

Applicants should ensure that their application documentation and reports from referees reach the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9EF by 2 November 2009. It is envisaged that the Appointments Committee will meet later in November.

The Appointments Committee will comprise the Chairman of the Faculty of History, the Director of CRASSH, two Editors of *The Historical Journal*, and three representatives of the Faculty's Political Thought and Intellectual History Subject Group.