

Bertrand Russell scholarships at McMaster University

Bertrand Russell Editorial Project

ENGLISH, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Six scholarships for Russell studies are being offered by McMaster University. These Scholarships are open to candidates who wish to do an M.A. thesis or a Ph.D. dissertation on aspects of Russell's thought, life and/or issues in which he was significantly involved. The scholarships are worth \$1,800. Successful applicants will also be awarded Research Assistantships of \$7,200, bringing their total financial support to \$9,000. The Ph.D. Research Assistantships will either be renewable for a total of four years depending on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant funding or Teaching Assistantships will be offered in lieu by McMaster.

Students may register in one of three departments: English, History or Philosophy. Depending on their discipline, they will work with the following professors:

Andrew Brink, Professor of English and a specialist in Russell's creative and fictional writings;

Richard A. Rempel, Professor of History whose area of specialization is twentieth century British social, intellectual and political history; or

Nicholas Griffin, Associate Professor of Philosophy and a philosopher of logic who works on Russell's pre-World War I technical writings.

PUBLISHING PROGRESS

These three professors, along with Professor John G. Slater, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto and Dr. Kenneth Blackwell, Russell Archivist, are planning to produce up to twenty-eight volumes of Bertrand Russell's shorter writings. A Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Major Editorial Grant was awarded to McMaster University in July 1980 in support of this undertaking. The publisher is George Allen and Unwin of Great Britain. Two volumes, Vol. 1, *Cambridge Essays, 1888-99* and Vol. 7, *Theory of Knowledge: The 1913 Manuscript* have already been sent to the publisher. Vol. 7 is the first volume to be completed in the technical series. Vol. 2, *Philosophical Papers, 1896-1903*, edited by Griffin and Vol. 8, *Philosophical Papers, 1914-19*, edited by Slater are in current production. In the non-technical series, Vol. 12, *Contemplation and Action, 1902-14*, edited by Brink and Rempel, is almost complete. Work will soon concentrate on Vol. 13, *The Rights of War, 1914-17*.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP DUTIES

Students will be expected to devote ten hours a week working on the Volumes as part of a Research team made up of an Editor and Research Associates and Assistants who work full-time for the Project. Duties will involve the gathering of information for annotation and headnotes, criticism of this editorial material, and the learning of editorial principles. In addition, there will be the more routine but vital tasks of proofreading and collation to perform. This work will provide excellent training for those who wish to pursue a career in academic life, publishing, archives, or libraries. The opportunity to work in the Russell Archives is, in itself, a rare academic privilege. The Archives contain a rich cross-section of the correspondence of many prominent twentieth century thinkers involved in a variety of intellectual pursuits and causes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must meet all the admission requirements of their respective departments and the School of Graduate Studies. In addition, only Canadian citizens or landed immigrants may apply for these scholarships.

As part of the application process applicants will be expected to describe briefly, on a separate sheet, why they are interested in Russell, their specific research interests related to Russell and their career goals.

Please direct all inquiries and requests for application forms to:

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