Further Particulars

1. The Institute
The Institute’s aim is to promote and facilitate high-quality research in modern languages, making it available to the widest possible audience both inside and outside the academic community. The Institute’s main areas of activity are:

- Events (conferences, workshops, lectures, readings, and seminars)
- Publications (e.g. imlr books, the Germanic Studies series, Bithell Series of Dissertations, Bithell Memorial Lectures, Miller Memorial Lectures, Journal of Romance Studies)
- Research collaborations and networks
- Research training and the supervision of research students
- Post-doctoral research and Visiting Fellowships

2. The Sylvia Naish Fellowships/Scholarships
Endowed by a generous bequest from the estate of Sylvia Naish, up to two Visiting Fellowships or Scholarships are available in 2020-21 for research into any area of German language and literature at the Institute and its Germanic Studies Library and/or Archives. The awards are designed to assist scholars in the early stages of their careers, to provide a contribution to temporary living expenses in London, or enable those in employment to take leave to further their studies. The Fellowship/Scholarship should not be held concurrently with another fellowship or award.

Sylvia Naish Research Fellowships provide funding of up to £2,000, and are open to post-doctoral applicants domiciled in the UK or in one of the German-speaking countries, who wish to spend a minimum of one month at the Institute. Applicants should have a strong publications record and be at the beginning of their academic career.

Sylvia Naish Scholarships provide funding of up to £2,000, and are available to research students in their second or third year who are registered at a university in the UK or in one of the German-speaking countries, and wish to spend a minimum of one month at the Institute.

3. Tenure
Fellowships/Scholarships are tenable for the period stated between 1 September 2020 and 30 June 2021. Extensions to the original period of the Fellowship may be possible, but are subject to the same terms and will not attract any additional financial support beyond the amount originally offered.

4. What We Offer
The Institute can offer shared office accommodation with wifi, internet, email account, photocopying/ printing facilities, and access to the Institute’s Germanic Studies Library, the Senate House Library, and the libraries of the other Institutes that make up the School of Advanced Study (Advanced Legal Studies, Classical Studies, Commonwealth Studies, Historical Research, Latin-American Studies, and the Warburg Institute). Fellows and Scholars are offered free access to all the Institute’s events, and are expected to participate as much as possible in the intellectual life of the Institute.
5. Requirements
Fellows/Scholars contribute to and enhance the scholarly activity of the Institute and the School of Advanced Study. In addition to presenting current work as a seminar or as part of a larger conference or workshop, Fellows/Scholars are invited to organise an event either during or resulting from their stay, or otherwise contribute to the work of the Institute. Fellows/Scholars are also invited to place a recent, normally unpublished, piece of work in our open-access repository, SAS-Space, and to contribute to the IMLR blog, Living Languages. Publications resulting from research conducted during the tenure of the Fellowship must acknowledge the Institute and, where appropriate, a copy should be deposited in the Germanic Studies Library or with the Institute Director. At the conclusion of their period of tenure, Fellows/Scholars are required to write a short report on the activities undertaken at the Institute and progress made in their research.

6. Financial Arrangements
The awards made are intended to contribute to the costs of accommodation during the Fellow’s/Scholar’s stay in London. Payment is made direct to the award holder’s bank account at the beginning of the tenure of the Fellowship. Should the Fellow/Scholar for any reason not take up the Fellowship/Scholarship, the funding must be immediately returned.

7. Accommodation
Living accommodation is not provided and Fellows/Scholars should make their own arrangements. A list of hotels and guest houses is on our website, and the University of London Accommodation office may also be able to assist.

8. Visas
Fellows that do not have the right to reside and/or study in the UK will require a visa and must ascertain what category of visa is most suitable for them.

The University of London is licensed to issue certificates of sponsorship for Tier 5 Government Authorised Exchange visas. Further details of this category of visa are available on the UKVI website here. If Fellows require entry under a Tier 5 GAE visa, they should make this clear in their application. The Institute can then liaise with the University HR department to make the necessary arrangements – please note that successful applicants will be required to submit a COS application form along with copies of their passport and necessary qualifications in order for the COS application to be made. Once the certificate is granted, the applicant can then use this to apply for their visa application via the relevant local embassy. Further details of visa categories can be found on the UKVI website here.

9. Method of Application
Applicants should submit the application form by the closing date stated below together with:
• a statement detailing your research project and intended outputs (no longer than 1,500 words)
• a statement outlining the ways in which you would contribute to the work of the Institute (500 words)
• a curriculum vitae (no longer than 2 pp)
• a publications list (not more than 2 pp)

Applicants must also arrange for two academic references specific to the Fellowship/Scholarship application to be sent by the closing date, direct from the referee, to jane.lewin@sas.ac.uk. The preferred method of submission is by email; please ensure that the subject line of the email reads ‘Naish Visiting Fellowship/Scholarship Application 2020-21’ and is followed by your family name. Applicants can expect to be informed of the outcome of the competition by the end of June. Applicants are not called for interview.

10. Closing Date
The closing date for receipt of applications and references is 10 May 2020.

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