HISTORY

Departmental Facilities

The Department of History shares John Watson Hall with Classics, English, and Philosophy. Department offices, a lounge, and graduate student study carrels are located in Watson Hall.

The department holds a thriving departmental seminar series, the Arthur Lower Canadian History Workshop Series, and events organized by research networks such as the Global History Initiative housed within History as well as interdisciplinary networks such as Muslim Societies in Global Perspectives and the Russian and East European Studies Network.

The Stauffer Library holds primary source material for advanced historical research in numerous fields, especially Canadian, American, European, African and British Imperial/Colonial and Commonwealth history. The manuscript collections of the Queen’s University Archives, holdings of printed governmental documents, collection of rare Canadiana, microfilm copies of PAC/Department of Labour materials, and numerous Canadian newspapers on microfilm or in digital format comprise a comprehensive scholarly resource. Additionally, the Health Sciences Library houses a substantial and growing collection on the history of medicine. With access to an efficient Inter-Library Loan service, a dedicated research librarian, and a location close to archives and institutions in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, Queen’s represents an excellent institution for historical research.

Fields of Concentration

Our faculty supervise graduate students in a wide array of temporal, geographic and thematic fields, building on their strength in Canadian, European and Global History. Besides offering excellent training in Canadian social, intellectual and cultural history, and the history of the British Empire, Queen’s is now home to research clusters in intellectual history, legal history, the history of gender and sexuality. Faculty members focused on distinct regions in Europe, Latin America, Africa, or Asia bring their distinct strengths to these thematic fields. Please see the History Department website (https://www.queensu.ca/history/research/) for a current list of fields and supervisors.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs. Admission to the M.A. program is normally limited to students with a strong upper second-class standing in the last two years of their B.A. programs. Admission to the Ph.D. is normally limited to applicants with first class standing on their M.A. work.

For further details on program requirements please consult the Department of History’s graduate webpage (https://www.queensu.ca/history/graduate/).

Financial Assistance

Applicants should consult particulars of the national and provincial awards listed earlier in this calendar. They are advised to submit applications for these without waiting to hear if their applications to the graduate program have been accepted. Attention is drawn to the closing dates for some fellowship applications, e.g. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowships by mid-October and Ontario Graduate Scholarships by the beginning of March. Please see the History Department website for more information about funding (https://www.queensu.ca/history/graduate/funding/).

The department employs graduate students as teaching assistants and teaching fellows. These appointments are made primarily on academic merit and in order to provide students with teaching experience and additional financial support. For details, consult the Chair of Graduate Studies.

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