

**AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award at the Centre for Studies of Home, a partnership between Queen Mary, University of London and The Geffrye Museum of the Home ([www.studiesofhome.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.studiesofhome.qmul.ac.uk))**

*New spiritualities and domestic life c.1855-1939*

Applications are invited for this three-year AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award commencing on 1 October 2015. It is one of four CDAs at the Centre for Studies of Home on the research programme 'Home and religion: space, practice and community in London from the seventeenth century to the present,' all of which will start on 1 October 2015. The other three studentships are on 'Religious life in the urban home, 1600-1800,' 'Judaism in the suburban home 1945-1975' and 'Interfaith connections at home: domestic space, practice and dialogue in contemporary London.' **The deadline for this studentship has been extended to Monday 13 April 2015.**

This PhD studentship will be supervised by Suzanne Hobson (English, QMUL) and Rhodri Hayward (History, QMUL), and Emma Hardy and Janice Welch (Geffrye Museum). It will examine the relationship between new forms of domestic space, spiritual practice and imaginary worlds for new religious movements from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century (including spiritualism, Theosophy, the Protestant Holiness Movement and Pentecostalism). The research will analyse archival sources alongside literary and historical texts and will contribute to the interpretation of the Geffrye's late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century galleries and the development of new learning resources.

The key research questions are:

- How was the home conceptualised in the literature of new religious movements?
- What was the relationship between the changing material culture of the home and new forms of religious practice?
- How was the organisation and architecture of the home reflected in contemporary conceptualisations of alternate realities and the future life?
- How were the boundaries between the sacred and the mundane negotiated within the space of the family home?

The awards pay fees and an annual maintenance grant. Further details about this studentship, the research programme 'Home and religion: space, practice and community in London from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present,' and how to apply, are [available here](http://www.studiesofhome.qmul.ac.uk).

The closing date is **5pm Monday 13 April 2015**. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 29 April.

Please note that usual [AHRC eligibility rules](#) apply to these studentships.

For an informal discussion please contact Dr Suzanne Hobson (s.hobson@qmul.ac.uk) or Dr Rhodri Hayward (r.hayward@qmul.ac.uk). For more information on the 'Home and Religion' programme, please contact Professor Alison Blunt (a.blunt@qmul.ac.uk).