

Northern Bridge Consortium
Collaborative Doctoral Awards

Applications are sought from suitably qualified candidates to undertake an AHRC-funded doctoral project on the following topic:

Periodicals in the Life of a Literary House: Dove Cottage, 1799-1818

The writers William and Dorothy Wordsworth and Thomas De Quincey occupied Dove Cottage – now an important literary heritage site – between 1799 and 1818, celebrating their life here in writing. Despite the remote location of Dove Cottage, these writers however were far from isolated. Periodicals, which were a ubiquitous and relatively new form of publication in this period, brought news and information from across the globe and locally into the house. This project will study the ways in which periodicals entered the intellectual, socio-political, and domestic life of the house, and influenced the literary works of these writers. This collaborative project between Queen's University Belfast and the Wordsworth Trust will involve an intersection between academic and heritage-sector perspectives.

Candidates must hold a 2:1 or above Honours Degree in English or a related discipline (and, preferably, an MA in English or a related discipline, as well as experience of studying Romanticism at one of these levels). The successful candidate will be expected to carry out their research at Queen's University Belfast with a period of 4 to 6 weeks' residence at Wordsworth Grasmere each year. The project will commence in September 2025. The duration of the award is 3.5 years full-time, or 7 years part-time. Funding includes tuition fees at the home rate and a stipend for living costs as determined by the AHRC. The sup

Applications must include a 2-page CV including the names of 2 referees; a statement (up to 500 words) explaining the candidate's suitability for the project; and a sample of academic work (3,000 to 5,000 words in length) to be submitted by 30 June 2025 to Dr Daniel S. Roberts (d.s.roberts@qub.ac.uk). Online Interviews are expected to be held on Friday 25 July 2025.

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