

Mladena and Dianko Sotirov Visiting Fellowship

LSE IDEAS is pleased to host the Mladena and Dianko Sotirov Visiting Fellowship thanks to the generous endowment by Mrs Mladena Sotirov.

Sotirov Fellows study Bulgaria and the Balkan region, working to understand its recent history, international affairs, the challenges it faces today and the prospects of tomorrow.

Call for Applications for the 2021 Mladena and Dianko Sotirov Visiting Fellowship

Application deadline Thursday 22 April 2021

This Fellowship amounts to £6,400 and should cover a one to two-month research stay in London any time between 1 June – 30 September 2021, namely travel expenses, accommodation and subsistence. The successful candidate will receive the grant upon arrival and will pay for their expenses related to the stay, as per above. The recipient will have access to shared office space at the LSE IDEAS Centre and enjoy the privileges of an LSE Fellow, including access to the LSE Library, its IT resources and to all events organised at the LSE.

Candidates

This Fellowship is intended primarily, but not exclusively, for scholars in the early stages of their career, namely doctoral candidates and post-doctoral fellows whose work and research focuses primarily on a topic related to the history of international affairs of Bulgaria and the Balkans in the twentieth century. Exceptionally, research of distinct quality focused on current issues may also be taken into consideration. Although candidates of Bulgarian nationality will have priority, this Fellowship is also awarded to candidates of non-Bulgarian nationality. Above all, it will be the quality of the candidate and of the proposed research that will determine the selection. On the completion of their residency in the LSE IDEAS Centre, the Fellow is expected to produce a working paper of 4,000-5,000 words of publishable quality on the topic of their proposed research for which the Fellowship has been awarded.

All applicants should submit (in English):

- CV
- Cover letter of 1,500 words setting out their current research and how it will benefit from receiving a LSE Fellowship
- Two letters of academic recommendation (one of which must be from the applicant's thesis supervisor, if the applicant is a PhD student).

Applications should be submitted by email to: Dr Emilia Knight e.knight@lse.ac.uk by the application deadline **Thursday 22 April 2021**.

Visitation period

Candidates can take up their Visiting Fellowship for a period of 1–2 months between 1 June and 30 September 2021.

Please note: the Fellowship amounts to £6,400, which is to be used for travel expenses, accommodation and subsistence. We thus advise candidates to make the necessary accommodation arrangements well in advance of their visitation period. **UK Visa procurement (if necessary) is the responsibility of the candidate.**

Please note: the Sotirov Fellowship placement will go ahead only if LSE assesses the COVID-19 circumstances to be safe and the applicant adheres to UK Government safety requirements in place.