Announcement of a
PhD Scholarship
in the
History of Mathematical Sciences in India

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Mathematical Sciences in India
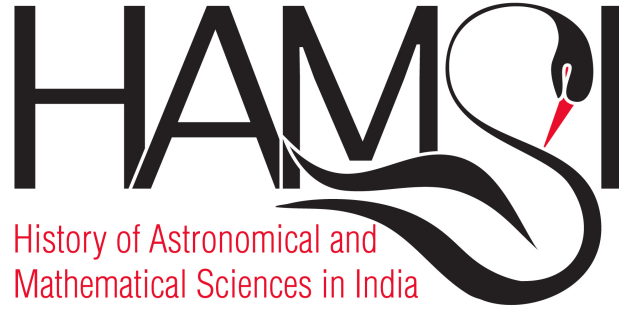
An international project on the history of mathematical sciences in Sanskrit sources has been awarded a five-year grant from New Zealand's funds for research excellence, the Rutherford Discovery Fellows, administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand.
http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/funds/rutherford-discovery/news/2012-rdfs/

The 5-year project is entitled "New perspectives on the history of the exact sciences in second millennium Sanskrit sources".

As part of the activities of this project, the investigators are offering a PhD scholarship. The scholarship will provide an annual living allowance/stipend of NZ$20,000 and full tuition costs while in New Zealand. It is tenable for study towards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the appropriate department or program on the topic of the history of mathematical sciences, at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand (http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/).

The successful awardee will research and write a PhD thesis under a supervisory committee including the Principal Investigator, Dr Clemency Montelle, Associate Investigator, Dr Kim Plofker, and, where appropriate, scholars at associated institution(s). The thesis topic will relate to the project goals, and focus on some aspect of second millennium Sanskrit exact sciences e.g., a critical edition with translation and commentary of a previously unpublished text on Sanskrit computational astronomy or mathematics, or related disciplines.

The successful applicant will meet the following criteria at the time of appointment:

- sufficient knowledge of and interest in some combination of relevant fields of study, within history of the mathematical sciences and/or Indology, to design and complete under the supervisor's guidance a doctoral thesis relating to the project's objectives;
- ability to enroll for a three-year PhD programme at the University of Canterbury.
- willingness to start the PhD in the next 12 months, preferably sooner.

With the approval of the Principal Investigator, this position may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award, or bursary, excluding any such award requiring teaching or other duties separate from this project. For further details, please consult the UC doctoral regulations (http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/phd_students/policies.shtml).

Recent and current PhDs under this project can be seen at:
http://www.math.canterbury.ac.nz/ c.montelle/postgraduatestudents.shtml

How to Apply

Inquiries about the terms and scope of this scholarship are encouraged. Please contact us through the addresses given below.

To apply, please send a cover letter briefly describing your relevant background and interests, a recent academic curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of two references.

Applications (PDF format preferable) should be sent by **29 July 2016**.

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