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The [Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures](#) at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications to its PhD program for the academic year 2022-2023. The oldest academic program in German Studies in North America, we are committed to our strong tradition in cultural and literary studies, while our distinguished faculty also represent a range of innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in the field.

Our freshly reconceived curriculum addresses recent developments in German Studies as well as faculty expertise clustered in the following areas:

- Approaches to Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies
- Cinema and Media Studies
- Commemoration and Memory Studies
- Environmental Humanities
- German Jewish Studies and Yiddish Literature
- History of the Body
- Print Culture and the History of the Book
- Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy
- Translation, Multilingualism, and Cultural Exchange
- Visual Studies and Art History

Students work closely with core and affiliated faculty across the newly formed Graduate Group in [French, Italian, and Germanic Studies](#) on research and dissertation projects and are also invited to participate in the planning of conferences, colloquia, and lecture series. Our strong placement record is a reflection of our commitment to excellence in pedagogical training and a robust program of professional development that is fully integrated into our curriculum and assessments.

All admitted students are fully funded with a five-year package that provides for tuition, health insurance, and a competitive stipend including three years of summer funding. The stipend for the current academic year is \$32,255 plus an additional \$5,300 of summer support. The department also routinely provides generous supplementary funding for summer travel, research, or study abroad, and our students regularly receive prestigious outside fellowships.

For more information on the program and application procedure, please join us for an informal [information session by Zoom](#) on **Monday, November 22nd, from 5 to 6 pm (EST)**. Interested applicants will have an opportunity to chat with alumni and faculty, including Vance Byrd and Javier Samper Vendrell, who will be joining the faculty in January 2022.

Applications are due **January 15th, 2022**. More information on the application process and a link to the automated system can be found [here](#). Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Graduate Chair Ian Fleishman (flei@sas.upenn.edu) with any questions.