The German program at the Johns Hopkins University invites applications for PhD students to begin in Fall 2022, with 5 years of generous funding to be offered to all admitted graduate students. The program at Johns Hopkins is among the most distinguished in North America. It has been a leading force in literary criticism and especially literary theory and is internationally recognized for its strength in German and Yiddish literature from the Enlightenment to the present, as well as interdisciplinary approaches to the humanities.

For many decades, faculty members at Johns Hopkins have spearheaded efforts to study the interface of literature with philosophy, literary theory, psychoanalysis, religion, science, gender studies, new media, and film and the visual arts, and the program remains committed to the study of the hermeneutic tradition as well as its critique. The interdisciplinary orientation of the faculty has put the program at the forefront of the field in North America and abroad. The program maintains close ties with other departments, with faculty affiliates from Philosophy, Comparative Thought and Literature, History, English, History of Art, Political Science, Anthropology, Jewish Studies and the Program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

In addition to its own distinguished faculty, the program hosts regular visitors from European universities, and facilitates active graduate exchange programs with the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and Universität Hamburg. The program also hosts the Max Kade Center for Modern German Thought, dedicated to exploring the political, cultural, historical, and philosophical developments associated with the German discourse on knowledge. The center serves as an interdisciplinary forum that brings together scholars from the arts and sciences as well as engineering, music, and medicine.

All graduate students admitted to the program are guaranteed paid tuition and a generous monthly living stipend for five years and basic health insurance. Additional funding is also available as are funds to support research and participation at scholarly conferences. Graduate students are encouraged to spend a full year abroad. During their time at Johns Hopkins graduate students will teach courses in German, for which they receive pedagogical training and support. Graduate students can also apply for Dean’s Teaching Fellowships and intersession courses, which allow them to develop their own course ideas. Professional development is supported through research training seminars.

For more information, and profiles of our permanent faculty, please visit the department website. For further questions please contact Professor Rochelle Tobias, Director of the German Program (rtobias@jhu.edu). Applications can be submitted to: https://krieger.jhu.edu/graduate-admissions/. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15, 2022.

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