

**Job Description**

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| Job Title: | Postdoctoral Research Associate in Modern Social/Health History |
| Faculty/Department: | FASS / History |
| Reporting to: | Head of History |
| Duration: | 1 year |
| Job Family: | Academic |
| Pay Band: | 7 |
| Benchmark Profile: | Research Band 7 |
| DBS Disclosure requirement: | No |
| Vacancy Reference: | FA0162 |

**Details Specific to the Post**

**Background and Context**

Located in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Department of History is internationally recognised for the high quality of its teaching and research performance. In the National Student Survey, History’s average overall student satisfaction rate exceeds 95% over the last ten years.

All of the research outputs submitted by Hull’s historians were classed as nationally significant, and 70% of the submission was deemed to be of 4\* and 3\* quality, in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. The History research environment was highly rated, a judgement that reflected the strength of the Department’s postgraduate community and the research infrastructure it has developed at Oriel Chambers (home of the world-leading Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation [WISE]) and Blaydes House (home of the Department’s centre of excellence in maritime history).

With over 30 full-time members of staff, the Department delivers an extensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes that are notably broad in terms of space, period and theme. It offers BA History and BA History and Archaeology programmes, which embrace specialist themes such as global history, history of art, maritime history, indigenous history, military history and twentieth-century history, as well as recently refreshed MA and MRes courses.

Within and beyond the University of Hull, the History Department has a well-deserved reputation for collegiality and staff development.

### Specific Duties and Responsibilities of the post

The post holder will be required to contribute to the research work undertaken as part of the AHRC-funded project entitled ‘*Cross*ing Boundaries; The History of First Aid in Britain and France, 1909-1989’, which will be led by Dr Rosemary Wall (PI) and Professor Barry Doyle (Co-I, University of Huddersfield).

In your covering letter please refer directly to the criteria given in the person specification below.  Applications are assessed by the selection panel according to these criteria.

**GENERIC JOB DESCRIPTION**

The job duties and responsibilities listed below are intended to describe the general nature of the role. The duties and responsibilities and the balance between the elements in the role may change or vary over time depending on the specific needs at a specific point in time or due to changing needs in the department. Candidates should note that there may not be an immediate requirement to carry out all the activities listed below.

### Overall Purpose of the Role

The researcher at this level will be:

* An experienced and professional researcher and will be a subject specialist, drawing upon knowledge gained from postgraduate research and/or working within a Research Band 6 role.
* Associated with a particular project (or projects) and will contribute ideas, and/or enhancement of techniques or methodologies and be expected to take significant initiatives in their work and consult with the Principal Investigator over the details of the project. They will work under supervision and receive academic, pastoral support and guidance which may include specific training, career opportunities and mentoring.

They may contribute to the Department’s teaching, through supervision of projects, overseeing practical classes, or taking small group tutorial classes.

The main focus of the work will involve conducting individual and collaborative research projects under the general guidance of a senior academic or Principal Investigator using new research techniques and methods, analysing and interpreting data and writing up research for publication.

**Main Work Activities**

1. Conduct individual and collaborative research projects to include:

* Using expertise to carry out projects they are working on.
* Contribute to the preparing proposals and applications for external bodies, e.g. for funding and contractual purposes with appropriate support or contribute to the writing of collective bids.
* Use new research techniques and methods.
* Analyse and interpret research data.
* Write up research work of the project and its dissemination through seminar and conferences presentations and publications.

1. Responsible for the management of projects to include:

* Plan and manage own research activity in collaboration with others.
* Manage administrative activities with guidance if required.
* Plan and monitor the work of the project or projects if applicable.

1. Assist with teaching and learning support in own area of study to include:

* Assist in the development of student research skills.
* Assess student knowledge and supervision of projects.
* Supervise and guide final year students.

1. Develop and initiate collaborative working internally and externally to include:

* Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration and to progress their research.
* Develop links and join external networks to share information and identify future potential sources of funding.
* Work with colleagues on joint projects as required.
* Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.

1. Demonstrate evidence of own personal and professional development to include:

* Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism.
* Appraisal, induction and performance reviews.
* Participate in training and development activity.
* Maintain links with professional institutions and other related bodies.
* Collaborate with academic colleagues on areas of shared research interest.

### Additionally the post holder will be required to:

* Fulfil the employees’ duties described in the University’s health and safety policies and co-operate with the health and safety arrangements in place within the department. May be required to undertake specific health and safety roles on request e.g. Display screen equipment assessor, departmental safety officer, fire warden etc.
* Show a commitment to diversity, equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practices this includes undertaking mandatory equality and diversity training.
* Comply with University regulations, policies and procedures.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION – Research Band 7**

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| **Specification** | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Examples Measured by** |
| **Education and Training**  Formal qualifications & relevant training | * A PhD or equivalent in relevant discipline |  | Application  Interview  Other |
| **Work Experience**  Ability to undertake duties of the post | **Evidence of:**   * An emerging track record in an appropriate research field, including research-based publications, presentations at academic conferences and contributing to grant applications |  | Application  Interview  Other |
| **Skills and Knowledge**  Includes abilities and intellect | **Evidence of:**   * Participation in networks that seek to promote research collaboration * Effective management of resources * Reading Knowledge of French * Contribution to the supervision of undergraduate project, masters or PhD students | * Experience of oral history research | Application  Interview  Other |
| **Personal Qualities**  Includes any specific physical requirements of the post – (subject to the provisions of the Equality Act 2010) | * An expectation to positively contribute to University activities and initiatives which may include open days, graduation ceremonies, etc., and have a willingness to undertake administrative activities * Show evidence of collaborative working, particularly on interdisciplinary activities * Evidence of working in an open and transparent way, providing information and communicating effectively with colleagues * Evidence of Continuous Professional Development |  | Application  Interview  Other |