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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Research Assistant**

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| **Job Title: Research Assistant** |
| **Department/College:** Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull |
| **Directly responsible to:** Professor Trevor Burnard and Dr Cassandra Gooptar |
| The Research Assistant will work on two Workstreams dedicated to research on Jamaica and its links to the *Manchester Guardian*.  70% of the Research Assistant duties will be to assist Dr Dexnell Peters, Lecturer in Caribbean and Atlantic History at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus in doing the following:   * Newspaper scanning from the collections at University of the West Indies Mona Campus’ Special Collections, Readex’s Caribbean Newspapers, 1718-1876 Digital Collection and the Digital Library of the Caribbean. * Archival and secondary research * Possibly preliminary write-up of relevant findings   30% of the Research Assistant’s duties will be focused on assisting Dr Cassandra Gooptar, Lecturer in Legacies of Slavery and Lead Researcher on the Guardian Legacies of Enslavement project, to engage with local archives in Jamaica including the Jamaica Island Records Office and secondary sources to uncover information on the enslaved people linked to Success estate, Hanover. Some of the Research Assistant’s time might also be dedicated to acquiring oral historical accounts of the enslaved people connected to Success estate. |

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**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Research Assistant**

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| **Criteria** | **Essential/ Desirable** | **Application Form/ Supporting Statement/ Interview** |
| Possess a postgraduate degree (MA/MSc/PhD) or equivalent in a relevant research area. | Desirable | Application Form |
| Possess an undergraduate degree (BA/BSC) or equivalent in a relevant research area. | Essential | Application Form |
| Capable of carrying out research independently and under direction as part of a team | Essential | Application Form / Supporting Statement |
| Demonstrate an ability to work co-operatively and flexibly with colleagues, including those based overseas. | Essential | Supporting Statement / Interview |
| Experience in researching nineteenth century Caribbean newspapers and conducting archival work. | Desirable | Application Form / Supporting Statement |
| Experience in writing reports based on research findings | Desirable | Supporting Statement / Interview |
| Experience in researching the history of Atlantic slavery | Desirable | Supporting Statement / Interview |