

Candidate Information

Position: Research Fellow
School/Department: School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
Reference: 26/113684
Closing Date: Monday 9 November 2026
Salary: £42,972 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date: Wednesday 2 December 2026
Duration: 3 years

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of this research project assisting in the development of the research, with specific focus on the oral history, so that the objectives of the project are met. The postholder will be responsible for co-ordinating part of a larger oral history project on illegal abortion across the UK. This job will require the candidate to plan, conduct and analyse oral history interviews, in several locations across the UK, as well as assisting in the design and implementation of the projects outputs.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop, plan and carry out the oral history interviews necessary for this project to the highest possible standard.
2. Travel to carry out oral history interviews, particularly to Manchester and Liverpool (key locations for this post).
3. Assist in the design, development and refinement of the ethical and methodological approach to the oral history research and carry out the analysis, critical evaluation, and interpretation of the oral history testimony that is collected.
4. Undertake supportive archival research and present regular progress reports to the PI or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Prepare, often in consultation with supervisor, material for publication.
6. Transcribe the oral history interviews where necessary and arrange informed consent and copyright clearance for future uses of the testimony.
7. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that it is completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities. Undertake relevant training.
8. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
9. Help develop an artistic multidisciplinary exhibition using all aspects of the research.
10. Work with data and use software to code transcripts. Ensure this data is uploaded to data sharing platforms. Collaborate with data specialise to develop website using this material.
11. Any other duties which fall within the general ambit of the post.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. First or upper second-class degree in History or related discipline.
2. Hold or be about to obtain* a PhD in History or closely related discipline. * Must be obtained within 3 months of closing date of post.
3. Significant, relevant research experience in oral history/interviewing, with a specific emphasis on 'difficult' or 'traumatic' oral histories.
4. Experience with NVivo software and coding of oral history transcripts.
5. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
6. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
7. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in oral history research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
8. Can demonstrate a strong history of practical experience carrying out oral histories in related fields.
9. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.

10. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
11. Ability to organise, manage and work with large groups.
12. Demonstrable evidence of ability to work independently.
13. Ability to assess and organise resources and to meet deadlines.
14. Ability to demonstrate empathy with research participants.
15. Ability to maintain confidentiality.
16. Clear commitment to high ethical standards in research.
17. Willingness to travel within UK to conduct interviews.
18. Willingness to work outside normal office working hours if required.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MA in History or closely related discipline.
2. PhD specialism in social history and/or women's history and/or oral history.
3. Expertise in Irish social history. Successful experience of collaborative research activity.
4. Experience of communicating effectively in one of the following languages: Arabic, French, Mandarin, Cantonese Polish.
5. Experience with dating sharing websites like Figshare.
6. Experience with website building.
7. Experience with exhibition design and development.
8. Can demonstrate a strong history of practical experience carrying out oral histories in reproductive histories, women's history, medical humanities.