UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Assistant in Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 6 (£33,951 - £39,909 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Dr Emily Rees, Research Fellow in PRHS

Reference: AHCPR1090

Available from 1 January to 31 December 2027

Available 0.5FTE on a fixed term basis for 12 months to complete specific time limited work.

Location: University Main Campus (with scope for hybrid working)

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

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Overview of the Role

Are you an early career researcher looking for your first challenge? Do you have a background in digital humanities and/or the history of science and technology? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

We are recruiting a Research Assistant for the AHRC-funded project 'A woman's work is never...shown? Histories of the 'representation' of women's technoscientific labour since 1945', which is led by Project Lead Dr Emily Rees and Co-Lead Professor Graeme Gooday. The project aims to recover visual representations of women's technoscientific labour in archive and collections to better understand the role of women in technoscience in the UK after 1945 until c. 2000. Working with project partners the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Science Museum Group, the Women's Engineering Society and the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists, the project will produce a dataset of archival metadata, case studies and analytical tools, a toolkit for using the dataset, practitioner interviews and academic articles, alongside three project workshops.

As Research Assistant, you will be in charge of managing and completing the dataset and writing the case studies (with input from the rest of the team). With experience in digital humanities and novel digital methods, you will lead on using digital tools to work with the archival images and dataset. Additionally, you will support on organising the workshops, writing the toolkit and processing the practitioner interview data. There will also be opportunities to contribute as a co-author on academic presentations and publications. You will be offered the chance to take an active role in the research life and culture of the School of PRHS. It is not necessary to live in or near Leeds, but you should be prepared to travel to Leeds on a montly basis for in-person meetings with the project team. Due to funding restrictions, the post is only available on a fixed-term basis for 12 months 0.5FTE.





Main duties and responsibilities

As a Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Contributing to the project 'A woman's work is never…shown? Histories of the 'representation' of women's technoscientific labour since 1945', as directed by Dr Emily Rees, including building a dataset from the archival data, producing historically informed case studies, developing methods using digital tools, assisting with practitioner interviews, supporting writing a methodological toolkit and assisting with the project workshops;
- Generating original ideas based on the outcome of analysis, in collaboration with the project team;
- Contributing to the dissemination of research results in leading peer-reviewed journals and through presentation at meetings and conferences, with guidance as necessary;
- Supporting the activities of the research group to ensure a successful programme of investigation, including participation at group meetings and seminars;
- Providing support and advice to other members of the group;
- Working both independently and as part of a larger team of researchers and stakeholders;
- Continually updating your knowledge, understanding and skills in the research field in which you work.

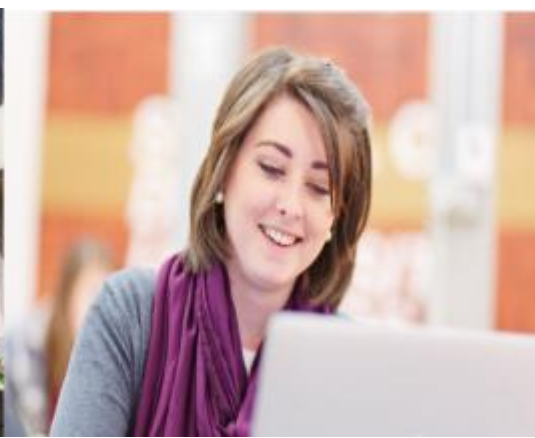
These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- A first degree/Masters in either digital humanities, history, science and technology studies, or a closely allied discipline;
- Experience working with archival data and historical case studies;
- Proven track record working with digital methods and tools for processing and interpreting archival data;
- Evidence of turning research into content for non-academic audiences;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;





- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines;
- A proven ability to work well both independently and as part of a team;
- The ability to work accurately and carefully;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

Desirable

- Working towards a PhD in digital humanities, history, science and technology studies, or a closely allied discipline;
- Demonstrable experience in creating datasets and using digital tools to work with archival images;
- Evidence of contributing to papers in internationally recognised, peer-reviewed journals or evidence of publishable research in progress;
- Experience managing workshops, both online and in person.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our How to Apply information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

Dr Emily Rees
AHRC Catalyst Project Lead/Research Fellow (Philosophy, Religion and History of Science)
Email: e.rees@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

Working at Leeds

We are a campus-based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out





more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our Working at Leeds information page.

Our University
As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty/School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

Information for disabled candidates
Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found under the 'Accessibility' heading on our How to Apply information page or by getting in touch by emailing HR via hr@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.

Salary Requirements of the Skilled Worker Visa Route

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa

For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. For more information please visit: https://www.gov.uk/global-talent.



