Job Description

Job Title   Graduate Teaching Assistant (0.1867 FTE)*
Grade       6
GTA Salary   £27,285 per annum, pro-rata*
Department  School of Arts
Contract    Four year, fixed-term contract
State Date  September 2018

Eligibility Open to UK/EU Applicants only (Existing PGR students are not eligible to apply)

The successful applicant will receive a full UK/EU tuition fee waiver alongside an annual stipend and salary package (indicative figure for 2018/19: £14,777)

Role Purpose

The School is seeking to recruit a Graduate Teaching Assistant for a PhD in History of Art

About Graduate Research Assistants

Graduate Research Assistantships allow you to fund your PhD study through part-time research work with the University. The Graduate Research Assistant is responsible to the Head of Department, and is expected to undertake research-related duties as required within the Department, not normally exceeding the equivalent of seven contact hours per week, during term time.

Funding for this post is available for four years. Appointment to the post is subject to formal confirmation that you are registered, and continue to be registered, for the duration of your post, as a full-time student with the University of Leicester.

About the School

The School of Arts was formed in August 2016 and brought together the former School of English (spanning English Literature, English Language and Creative Writing), the School of Modern Languages (encompassing French, Italian, Spanish and Translation Studies) and the Department of History of Art and Film. We offer undergraduate degrees and modules in all of
these subjects in a variety of Single Honours, Major, Joint and Minor variants, and we have a proven track record of helping a high proportion of our students go on to careers related directly to their studies.

The School also has a vibrant postgraduate community spread across a suite of Masters' courses that reflect our internationally-recognized research strengths as well as our dedicated Research Centres. Particular concentrations in the School include Victorian Studies, Translation and Interpreting, Postcolonial Studies, Early Modern Culture, Film and Media, Painting and Photography, Visual Culture, Modern and Contemporary Literature, and Creative Writing. We have recently developed a strong focus on Linguistics and English for Education and we are also home to half of the Centre for American Studies. In addition we house Languages@Leicester which delivers the teaching of languages from across the globe and provides a major service both to the University and local community.

### Principal Responsibilities

- You will undertake research and other activities supporting the work of the Department and, in so doing, will aid in developing and enhancing both its internal and external reputation.
- To be available for consultation by campus based and, where appropriate, by email, and during appropriately specified office hours.
- To contribute to the system of academic student support with the Department and College.
- To undertake other academic duties (e.g. providing feedback to undergraduate students on assessed work, participating in the assessment of field tests, providing pastoral support to students) required to sustain the delivery of high-quality research.
- To maintain broad knowledge of up-to-date research and scholarship in relevant fields, to ensure that teaching meets the standards expected within a research-led University.
- To pursue doctoral research of high quality in the relevant field.
- To disseminate the results of research and scholarship, eg through presentation in the research seminar series in the Department.
- To ensure that all research activities undertaken are in compliance with the ‘Research Code of Conduct’ operated by the University.
- Consistent with the resources available, and Departmental and other obligations, to attend and present research findings and papers at academic and professional conferences, and to contribute to the external visibility of the Department.
Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential
- Master’s degree in a relevant subject.
- Knowledge of subject to an advanced level.
- Outstanding promise of research achievement.
- Research interests in one or more of the research themes covered by Department staff.*

Desirable
- Research experience/delivery of field training.

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential
- Proven competency in a relevant academic subject.
- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake teaching and administrative activities utilising English Language materials, and to communicate effectively with staff and students.
- Evidence of good, effective oral communication, presentation and training skills.
- Ability to work independently, as well as part of a team on research-related activities.
- A commitment to high-quality research.
- Proven competency in IT, and familiarity with a computerised environment.

Working Hours

You will be contracted to work 364 hours in a twelve-month period.

This equates to a nominal seven hours per week, which will be scheduled by the department to reflect the operational requirements.

Your total working weekly hours must be within the Senate Regulations.
http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/senate-regulations

Equality and Diversity
Job Description

The University of Leicester is committed to positively advancing equality of opportunity. We participate in a number of equalities initiatives which celebrate good employment practice for the advancement of diversity and equality. These include the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, the Race Equality Charter and Athena Swan (for which we are currently Bronze award holders). We are proud to be selected as one of only ten Universities internationally to be an impact champion for HeForShe, a global solidarity movement for gender equality. We also have a number of staff equality fora who champion the advancement of equalities for diverse groups. To find out more please visit the Equalities webpage.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PhD

1. Draft a research proposal that tells us what you want to research, how you intend to do it, and why it is worth doing
2. Prepare your supporting documents (two Academic References, your Degree Transcripts and Certificates, Evidence of English language (if applicable))
3. Submit your History of Art PhD application online for the September 2018 intake

IMPORTANT
In the Funding section of the online application form select STUDENTSHIP and GTA from the dropdown options.

The closing date for applications is Friday 23 February 2018

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