



Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Research Fellow

Department/Division: Economic History

Accountable to: Prof. Mary Morgan

Job Summary

This position is to work on an EU-funded grant on 'Narrative Science', investigating the use of narratives in science and its history. The Research Fellow will be responsible for creating an on-line 'library' of narrative science case resources and the website to house them. This will involve working with three Research Officers (Post-docs) and other research team members in curating the materials originating from their work in the history of the sciences, but will also involve tracking down and curating your own materials in the field. The Fellow will also support and assist the project leader, Prof Mary Morgan in managing the grant, organising the activities of the team, and grant reporting.

Duties and Responsibilities

This position is a 3-year fixed term appointment.

The duties involve (1) creating a website for the project designed to be a public and scholarly resource for narrative science and curating a variety of materials for it from your own and other project team members' work; (2) carrying out your own research to locate examples of narrative explanation in the field of history of science and analysing these as forms of narrative science as part of the team; (3) participating in the intellectual work of the project with other team members and contributing to those activities; and (4) supporting the project leader in managing the project: organising seminars, workshops, reporting requirements, and so forth. Under (2) it is expected that the Fellow will be writing their own academic articles for publication (the disciplinary background for these contributions could be history of science, narrative studies, digital humanities, science communication, or another relevant field).

Range of activities and responsibilities for the Research Fellow

- Create and develop a website for the project.
- Curate materials for the website from your own and other project members' work on narrative science: original scientists' materials, secondary pieces, short and long academic pieces, popular materials etc.
- Develop a library of other examples of narrative science for the website, either located from secondary sources or your own researches.
- Carry out and write up original research work, relevant to both the project and your own disciplinary field, on narrative science and its curation in academic papers for academic publication, for academic conferences, etc., either as sole author or in collaborative academic



outputs by the team as a whole or in sub-groups.

- Work collaboratively with the PI and other team members in producing materials and in developing the means of analysis appropriate for understanding and assessing narrative science.
- Collaborate with the rest of the research team and participate in team activities such as designing and organising workshops, seminars and reading groups etc.
- Work on public engagement activities as part of the team activities.
- Support the project leader in managing the project: particularly in organising seminars and workshops; in budget management; and in regular and end of grant reporting requirements; and so forth.

The Research Fellow will be expected to play a constructive role in the life of the Department and the School which may involve interaction with students, faculty, and the research and public engagement agendas of the Department and School.

Note

The LSE has a progressive pay structure that rewards you with annual pay increases up to a certain level as you develop in your role. We also provide for further reward past this point in the form of further pay increases based on exceptional performance.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.

Equality and Diversity

To uphold the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity, as set out in the [Ethics Code](#), we will treat all people with dignity and respect, and ensure that no one will be treated less favourably because of their role at the School, age, sex, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, or social and economic background. For the full Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy statement, please see the [EDI website](#)

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.