



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 Officer

Department/Division: Economic History

Accountable to: Prof. Mary Morgan

Job Summary

These three researchers will undertake case study work on an EU funded grant investigating 'Narrative Science'. Each researcher will carry out research into a particular field in the history of science in which the scientists use narrative forms in explaining their work. Ideally, one researcher will work in the history of chemistry, one in the history of ecology, and another in one of the natural historical sciences - but other special fields are also possible. These post-docs will be part of a team project lead by the principal investigator, Prof Mary Morgan.

Duties and Responsibilities

Each position is a 2-year fixed term appointment.

The duties for each post-doc involve: carrying out your own individual research in the field of history of science on narrative science topics and case studies defined in conjunction and consultation with the director of the project; write this research work up in short case-study pieces and longer academic papers. Each post-doc will be expected to take part in the life of the team project: organising and participating in reading groups, seminars, workshops and conferences. Each post-doc will be expected to contribute primary source and secondary materials from their research to the project website, and help generate communication materials and research output for the project as a whole.

Range of research activities and responsibilities for each Research Officer:

- Carry out original work in history of science on a narrative science topic and in a focussed field of study in agreement with the principal investigator
- Write up original research work 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.
- Generate primary materials of narrative used by scientist in the topic-field for the project website
- Write up small case studies of narrative explanation used in the topic-field for the project website
- Work collaboratively with the PI and Research Fellow 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.



The research officers 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.