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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Cultures, School of Languages, Cultures & Societies



Salary: Grade 6 (£27,511 - £32,817 p.a)

Reference: AHCLC1102

Closing date: 18 October 2019

18 Hours a week, fixed-term from 02 January 2020 to 30 April 2020

Post-Doctoral Research Assistant: Mobilising Heritage Research to Contribute to Global Development

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Cultures – School of Languages, Cultures & Societies.

Are you an ambitious early-career researcher looking for a short-term appointment to use your skills in research synthesis to contribute to an exciting Global Challenges Research Fund project, and to build your C.V.?

Project: *Praxis*

Over four years, the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have made over 200 awards under the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and the Newton portfolio. These awards have drawn on AHRC's research base to address development challenges that are ultimately global challenges, including poverty reduction, global health, climate change, resilience, conflict, displacement, inclusive education, and rapid urbanization.

Praxis, based at the University of Leeds, aims to champion the distinctive contribution that Arts and Humanities research can make to tackling a range of urgent development challenges. For its first major event, in Lebanon in February 2020, *Praxis* will bring together AHRC-GCRF and Newton research projects that address the theme of heritage in development contexts, to draw out synergies, collate knowledge and learning, shape policy impacts, and discuss where can/should heritage research for global challenges go next. The event builds on and is informed by conversations with project PIs and partners, and it champions an expanded and nuanced conceptualization of heritage that has emerged from within the AHRC-GCRF and Newton Fund portfolios.

We are currently seeking to recruit a four-month Postdoctoral Research Assistant to work with Dr Deena Dajani and Professor Stuart Taberner on this event (and one related 'learning event'). Specifically, and in addition to logistical and administrative tasks relating to the events, we are looking for a well-qualified individual with expertise in Heritage and Global Development, who will prepare detailed analyses of relevant GCRF projects and a report based on these analyses and on the Lebanon event, that can be variously used with researchers, research funders, NGOs, and policy-makers.



More information on *Praxis* can be found at:

<https://changingthestory.leeds.ac.uk/projects/praxis-arts-and-humanities-for-global-development/>

What does the role entail?

As a Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, your main duties will include:

- Helping to analyse data (qualitative and quantitative) that has been collected on GCRF (and Newton Fund) projects relating to Heritage and Development;
- Helping with designing and implementing an evaluation method for *Praxis* on Heritage.
- Helping with logistical and administrative arrangements for the *Praxis* Heritage event in Lebanon in February 2020, and for related events;
- Taking part in the Lebanon event, including leading sessions relevant to expertise;
- Helping to publicise event and *Praxis* more generally through the project website and social media;
- Helping to maintain a website to inform the various stake-holder groups about the project;
- Preparing detailed analyses of relevant GCRF projects, based on our data collection, and a report based on these analyses and on the Lebanon event, that can be variously used with researchers, research funders, NGOs, and policy-makers;
- Presenting the report as required at engagement events with researchers, funders, NGOs, and policy-makers.

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.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Post-Doctoral Research Assistant you will have:



- A Ph.D. in an area relevant to Heritage, ideally with relevance for development;
- A good understanding of development and global challenges;
- Advanced quantitative analysis skills and a desire to learn more;
- Excellent qualitative analysis skills;
- Proven ability to write to the standard required for research reports and international publications;
- Excellent organisational and project management skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent inter-personal skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team, with an open mind-set.

You may also have:

- Relevant language skills, namely Arabic

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information. 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 Deena Dajani

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Prof. Stuart Taberner

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area in our [Working at Leeds](#) information.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found in our [Accessibility](#) information or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

This post requires an enhanced criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

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](#).

