



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Researcher in History/Politics

School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 6 (£28,762 - £34,308 p.a. pro rata)

Reference: ESLPO1081

Part time 0.2 fte (7.5 hours per week)

Fixed term (external funding) from 1 February 2023 until 30 June 2023

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

Researcher in History/Politics

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Are you a researcher with a strong background in history? Do you have experience of conducting and writing-up archival research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities?

We are seeking to appoint a historian to conduct archival research at the London Metropolitan Archives and the National Archives on water fountains, water companies, water services, and water infrastructure in London in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The research is part of a project on the politics of water in London, which explores the expansion of drinking water fountains and the transition from private to public water services.

The project is led by Dr Geoff Goodwin, Lecturer in Global Political Economy in the School of Politics and International Studies. The post would particularly suit an historian of nineteenth century and/or twentieth century Britain, ideally London, but applications from historians with other expertise and experience of working in archives are welcome, especially those who are interested in water and/or infrastructure. The work is flexible and can be carried out at any time. However, it must be completed by June 2023. The potential of co-authored article(s), blog(s), and further research funding will be explored.

With a strong background in history, ideally nineteenth and/or twentieth century British history, you will also have experience of conducting and writing-up archival research.

What does the role entail?

As a Researcher your main duties will include:

- Analyse and collate archive materials at the London Metropolitan Archives and the National Archives;
- Organise and store archive materials and transfer to the Principal Investigator (PI);
- Document archives consulted and communicate these to the PI;



- Provide regular updates to the PI and attend short pre- and post- research meetings (30-60 minutes);
- Writing a short report summarising your main findings from archival research (1500-3000 words);
- Contribute to the research culture of the school.

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 Researcher you will have:

- A PhD (or be an active PhD student) in a relevant field;
- Strong background in history, ideally nineteenth and/or twentieth century British history;
- Experience of conducting and writing-up archival research;
- A proven ability to work well unsupervised and to use own initiative;
- Strong written communication skills;
- Well-developed analytical skills;
- Good time management and organisation skills.

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 Geoff Goodwin, Lecturer in Global Political Economy

Email: G.B.Goodwin@leeds.ac.uk



Additional information

About the role

You will be responsible to the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and report to the Head of School. Find out more about the [School of Politics and International Studies](#) and the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#).

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 School of Politics and International Studies 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, or candidates with impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at 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.

