Salary: Grade 6 (£26,052 – £31,076 p.a. pro rata)
Reference: AHCEN1002
Part time, 60% of full time
Closing date: 5 February 2017
Post available for 8 months from 1 February 2017 to 30 September 2017
Postdoctoral Research Assistant on the Wellcome Trust Seed Award funded project: ‘Augmenting the Body: Disability, Bodily Extensions and the Posthuman’

Do you have a PhD in a subject related to this Wellcome Trust Seed Award funded project? Are you willing to contribute to and enhance the research activities of this project? Do you possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills?

The ‘Augmenting the Body: Disability, Bodily Extensions and the Posthuman’ project is a cross-disciplinary research initiative that asks questions about the status and viability of the body when considered in terms of its presence, boundaries and activities. Working across the disciplinary fields of Cultural/Literary Studies, Mechanical Engineering and Robotics, Medicine/Healthcare and Philosophy/Phenomenology, it has a particular focus on issues pertaining to bodily extension and augmentation, seen in terms of cultural theory and narrative, disability experience, affect, ethics, product design, and rehabilitation and treatment.

As Postdoctoral Research Assistant, you will work with the project team, which includes Professor Stuart Murray (Principal Investigator, School of English) and Professor Sita Popat (Co-Investigator, School of Performance and Cultural Industries) to develop the events and the wider research initiative. This will take place through the coordination, publicising and management of the individual events, the production of a literature review that will aid in identifying the central research themes, as well as helping in the preparation of the wider Collaborative Award application from summer 2017 onwards.

What does the role entail?

As a Postdoctoral Research Assistant, your main duties (in collaboration with the PI and Co-I) will include:

- Coordinating and communicating with external seminar participants; organising, publicising and documenting events; managing social media;

- Conducting a literature review and identifying core research themes;

- Collaborating with investigators on creation of website;


• Collaborating in the preparation of a large project application to The Wellcome Trust.

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 Postdoctoral Research Assistant, you will have:

• PhD on a topic related to the research project, to be completed by start date of post;
• Experience in conference/workshop organisation;
• Willingness to contribute to, and to enhance, the research activities of the project team;
• Excellent communication skills, with a high standard of written and spoken English;
• Excellent interpersonal skills; able to work positively with a wide range of people, including academic colleagues, external groups and stakeholders;
• Strong planning and reporting skills;
• Excellent accuracy and attention to detail;
• An ability to work independently and under direction in a team;
• Excellent organisational skills; able to prioritise own tasks and meet agreed deadlines;
• Excellent IT skills, with the ability to use Microsoft Word and Outlook;
• Flexible and adaptable with a proactive approach.

You may also have:

• Experience of web design, skills in web writing and editing;
• Experience of communicating research findings with non-academic audiences.
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 closing date.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Additional information

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Find out more about the School of English.

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Working at Leeds
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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
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.