CANDIDATE BRIEF
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in French Studies, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Salary: Grade 7 (£32,004–£38,183 p.a. pro rata)
Reference: AHCLC1010
Closing date: 15 February 2017
50% of full time
Fixed-term for 12 months from 1 July 2017
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in French Studies (Work and the Workplace in France)
School of Languages, Cultures and Societies

Are you an independent and talented researcher? Have you research experience relevant to work and/or the workplace in France? Do you want to join an Arts and Humanities Research Council - funded project on the contemporary French workplace?

The School of Languages, Cultures and Societies is seeking a highly-qualified, independent and talented postdoctoral research fellow to contribute to an AHRC funded research project on work and the workplace in France, led by Dr Sarah Waters. You will be able to offer research expertise on this theme from either one or a combination of disciplines such as French studies, history, literature, film, theory or cultural studies. You will be responsible for organising and supporting research activities linked to the project, including collating primary research sources, helping to organise research events, maintaining a database of contacts and liaising with project partners. You will pursue independent research with the aim of publishing a piece in a peer-reviewed journal or book. You will also help to edit and index a co-edited volume and monograph.

What does the role entail?

As a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in French Studies, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking research that contributes to the overall aims of the project;
- Presenting a viable idea for a research event which is relevant to the project and attract internal and external speakers;
- Supporting and organising this research event and/or other research activities linked to the project;
- Pursuing independent research with the aim of publishing a piece within a peer-reviewed journal or book;
- Identifying, collating and synthesising primary research material from websites, media sources or key organisations;
• Providing editing and indexing support for an edited volume and a monograph;
• Assisting with the maintenance and upkeep of the project website;
• Maintaining a database of project partners, liaising with these and other collaborators;
• Supporting the project's impact and outreach activities.

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 Fellow in French Studies, you will have:
• A PhD in French studies or in a relevant discipline, or a submitted doctoral thesis awaiting examination;
• Excellent research ability, with the ability to contribute to, and enhance, the project and the Faculty’s research activities;
• An understanding of impact and outreach within the context of a major research project, displaying an ability and willingness to contribute to the project’s engagement with external (non-academic) partners;
• Excellent communication and presentation skills, including a high standard of written and spoken English;
• Strong interpersonal and team-working skills;
• The ability to work independently and flexibly;
• The ability to work accurately and carefully;
• The ability to work to deadlines and maintain a professional approach to all aspects of the role;
• Competencies in, and a willingness to carry out, everyday project management and administrative duties.
You may also have:

- Experience of organising workshops, seminars, or conferences;
- Experience of academic impact and outreach with non-academic partners;
- Administrative experience in the UK HE context;
- Willingness to undertake staff development in appropriate areas.

**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 **15 February 2017**.

**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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**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](mailto: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.