



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Postdoctoral Fellow in Advanced Eastern European Jewish Studies
Department / Unit:	Holocaust Research Institute, Department of History, School of Humanities
Job type	Research and teaching – Full time, Fixed Term
Grade:	RHUL 7
Accountable to:	Prof. Dan Stone (Research Institute Director)
Accountable for:	N/A
Purpose of the Post	
<p>The Holocaust Research Institute (HRI) at Royal Holloway, University of London, is seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral research fellow for a major donor-funded project, “Global Jewish Studies in/as Holocaust Studies”. The postholder will carry out research in the HRI, contribute to teaching relevant undergraduate and, if required, MA modules, and advance the interests of the HRI with respect to the wider scholarly community and the general public. The post is fixed-term for a period of 12 months, starting 1 September 2024.</p> <p>“Global Jewish Studies in/as Holocaust Studies” seeks to integrate Jewish Studies and Holocaust Studies. Through a combination of research projects, visiting lecturers, new MA modules, summer schools and the creation of an academic network, the HRI seeks to embed Jewish Studies into its work and to advance the discipline of Holocaust Studies nationally and internationally. The postdoctoral position covers modern Eastern European Jewish history (19th-20th centuries) with a global focus.</p>	
Key Tasks	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting research in a relevant field of modern Eastern European Jewish history with a global focus, and with the aim of completing a major postdoctoral project. 2. Teaching relevant undergraduate courses and, if required, on the HRI’s MA in Holocaust Studies. 3. Advising postgraduate research students, as appropriate 4. Attending project meetings and conference calls 5. Contributing to the profile of the HRI by participating in the activities of the Institute 6. Contributing to the History Department by participating in meetings, seminars, etc. 7. Collaborating with partners, such as the Wiener Holocaust Library, USHMM, etc. 	
Other Duties	

The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the University. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by their manager.

The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.

Internal and external relationships

The following list is not exhaustive, but the post holder will be required to liaise with:

- Research Centre/Institute Directors
- Department of History Head of Department
- School of Humanities Admin team
- Public engagement partner institutions and organisations
- National and international networks of academic scholars
- Postgraduate research, taught and undergraduate student body as appropriate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Details on the qualifications, experience, skills, knowledge and abilities that are needed to fulfil this role are set out below.

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Department: History

	Essential	Desirable	Tested by Application Form/Interview/Test
Knowledge, Education, Qualifications and Training			
Degree in relevant subject area	X		Application
MA in relevant subject area	X		Application
PhD in relevant subject area	X		Application
Skills and Abilities			
Good organisational skills	X		Interview
Excellent communication skills	X		Interview
Web design skills		X	Application/Interview
Ability to organise and publicise academic events	X		Application/Interview
Experience			
Experience of working in a research environment	X		Application, Interview
Experience of interdisciplinary working	X		Application, interview
Experience of working in the higher education sector		X	Application, interview
Experience of work collaboration	X		Application, interview
Other requirements			
An understanding and commitment to the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion	X		Application, interview