



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Career Development Postdoctoral Fellow in English and/or American Literature
Department / Unit:	English
Job type	Fixed Term, Full time
Grade:	RHUL 7
Accountable to:	Prof. Adam Roberts (Head of Department)
Accountable for:	N/A
Purpose of the Post	
<p>The department of English at Royal Holloway, University of London, is seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral research fellow. There are no restrictions on the research the postholder will carry out as part of their postdoctoral career, beyond the stipulation that it be on literature. The focus of the fellowship will be research, but successful applicants may also contribute to teaching relevant undergraduate and MA modules (no more than 4-6 hours a week) and advance the interests of the English department with respect to the wider scholarly community and the general public. The post is fixed-term for a period of 10 months, starting 1 October 2024. The post comes with a research allowance of £2,000, which must be spent before the end of July 2025.</p> <p>During the course of the fellowship, the fellow will expect to organise a research event with a non-academic partner (money will be made available to facilitate this). Mentorship from the department will enable planning grant applications, book proposals, second projects: and the fellow might develop an application for an UKRI FLF grant or BA Early Career Fellowship to follow on from this postdoc position.</p>	
Key Tasks	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting research in a relevant field of English and/or American Literature, with the aim of advancing or completing a major postdoctoral project. 2. Teaching relevant undergraduate courses and, if required, on appropriate MA courses. 3. Attending Department and School meetings 4. Contributing to the profile of the department by participating in its activities. 5. Organising a research event with a non academic partner, with input and funding from the department. 	
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.

The post holder will be encouraged to apply for further research and/or postdoc funding whilst in post.

Internal and external relationships

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

- Director of Research, in the department
- Department of English Head of Department
- School of Humanities Admin team
- 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: English

	Essential	Desirable	Tested by Application Form/Interview/Test
Knowledge, Education, Qualifications and Training			
Degree in relevant subject area			
MA in relevant subject area			
PhD in relevant subject area	X		Application
Skills and Abilities			
Good organisational skills	X		Interview
Excellent communication skills	X		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