

Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
Reference:	22/110189
Closing Date:	Monday 10 October 2022
Salary:	£35,333 - £42,155 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date:	Friday 28 October 2022
Duration:	36 months

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the AHRC-funded 'Conservatism and Unionism in the UK, 1968-1997' project, directed by Dr Paul Corthorn (PI) and Dr Malcolm Petrie (CI). To carry out extensive primary-source research and some public engagement activities, contributing individual and co-authored publications, in order to meet the overall research objectives of the project.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Undertake research in British and Welsh archives, under the supervision of the Principal Investigator (PI) and the Co-Investigator (CI). Most of the archival work will be carried out in the Conservative Party Archive in the Bodleian Library in Oxford.
- 2. Contribute to the development of a historical analysis of the relationship between Conservatism and Unionism in the UK between 1968 and 1997.
- 3. Liaise with project partners: the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in the organisation of a public conference; History & Policy in the organisation of a workshop and 'Witness Seminar'; and the National Library of Wales in the organisation of a seminar.
- 4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the project team and advisory board.
- 5. Produce full and accurate research notes for the PI and CI.
- 6. Write and deliver presentations, in consultation with the project team, at national and international conferences.
- 7. Prepare, in consultation with the project team, material for publication in a book that will be co-authored by the PI, CI and Research Fellow.
- 8. Under the guidance of the PI and CI, edit a journal special issue (deriving from the seminar and conference) and contribute their own article to it.
- 9. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the project to ensure that it is completed on time and within budget.
- 10. Read academic papers, journals and books to keep abreast of developments in the field of research.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- 1. Normally have or be about to obtain (post-viva) a relevant PhD in History or cognate discipline (with research focus on post-1945 British political history).
- 2. First or upper second class honours degree in History or cognate subject.
- 3. Extensive doctoral-level experience of working with archival material relating to modern and contemporary history (c. 1945-2000).
- 4. Academic publications in a relevant field (submitted, in press, in print) commensurate with career stage.
- 5. Experience of engaging beyond the academy (whether public, government or industry) and disseminating research.
- 6. Ability to communicate with public audiences.
- 7. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
- 8. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
- 9. Ability to assess and organise resources.
- 10. Enthusiasm for working as part of a small research team.
- 11. Desire to communicate research beyond the academy.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- 1. Familiarity with the history of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as well as England.
- 2. Experience of managing relationships with external bodies such as local history/literary societies, museums, archives, libraries, etc.