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Appointment of a Research Fellow in Design History and Studies (0.4 full-time equivalent)

**The Job**

At Research Fellow level (AC2), staff are expected to be involved in the developing, planning and managing of research projects in consultation with a Principal Investigator, developing a publication record and learning to generate funding. The role will normally require a level of research knowledge, skill, and experience equivalent to PhD.

The role will involve the following range of activities:

* develop research objectives and proposals for joint research, initially with the assistance of the mentor who in this case will be the Principal Investigator of the funded project.
* conduct the collaborative research project.
* continually update knowledge and understanding in the field; and translate knowledge of advances in the subject area into research activity.
* contribute to writing up research work for publication or dissemination of research findings including presenting at conferences and/or other appropriate events.
* prepare proposals and applications to external bodies, e.g., for funding and accreditation purposes.
* liaise with colleagues.
* build internal contacts and participate in internal networks to exchange information and form relationships for future collaboration.
* join external networks to share information and identify potential future collaborations.
* agree and largely self-manage research and administrative activities, ensuring own research is undertaken according to governance, ethical and quality assurance guidelines.
* collaborate with academic colleagues on areas of shared research interest.
* work with colleagues on joint proposals as required; and attend and contribute to relevant meetings.
* apply existing research techniques and methods, develop new ones, and extend the research portfolio.
* identify areas of research and generate ideas associated with research.
* analyse and interpret research data and draw conclusions on the outcomes; and contribute to collaborative decision-making in areas of research.

**Person Specification**

It is expected that the essential criteria below regarding knowledge and qualifications will be met by the successful candidate.

**Essential**

* A relevant degree, preferably in Design, Design History, Art History, or Architecture (or any aligned disciplines)
* A postgraduate qualification/PhD or an equivalent level of professional experience
* Sufficient, up to date breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline of design history and studies, or aligned areas such as art history, architecture history, visual culture, or material culture.
* Knowledge of debates in global histories and practices of design, and of research methods
* Understanding of equality of opportunity
* Understanding of research ethics
* Competent IT skills
* Ability to work independently as well as with a team of researchers.
* Excellent organisational skills
* Excellent communication skills

**Desirable**

* Experience of using Oral History methods in research
* Experience of writing research reports for industry

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This post is based in the School of Humanities and Social Science and the [Centre for Design History](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/cdh/index.aspx)

* The appointment is for a fixed term of 20 months because of the fixed duration of the research project and associated grant.
* The appointment is generally made at the bottom of the range dependent upon experience and previous salary.
* The annual leave entitlement is 35 working days, pro rata for proportional (part-time staff). This is in addition to the statutory holidays applicable in England, local discretionary holidays, and days when the university is closed in the interests of efficiency.
* For part-time 0.4 FTE posts, the equivalent hours are 15 per week, however, there could be periods in the project where fewer hours of work will be needed in a given week over others.

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**Professional development**

The Research Office organises a wide range of workshops covering all aspects of researcher development including research degree supervision, research methodology, writing successful bids for funding, intellectual property and negotiations and contracts. The Research Office also offers a co-ordinated central service to advise and assist university research staff applying for grants from UK Research Councils, the European Commission, the NHS, and similar external bodies including advice and guidance on application procedures, regulations, staffing, costing and protection of intellectual property. The Research Office’s website offers a wide range of helpful information on all aspects of research [Research and knowledge exchange (brighton.ac.uk)](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/research/index.aspx)

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