

JOB DESCRIPTION

Vacancy reference:	SRF29412
Post Title:	Postdoctoral Researcher
Grade:	Research Grade 6
School/Department:	English Literature
Reports to:	Andrew Mangham
Responsible for:	

Purpose

The successful candidate will work with both the Department of English and the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust as research assistant on the interdisciplinary project 'Stories of Ageing: Patient Experience and Patient Care'.

Main duties and responsibilities

The project will trial the use of literary, historical, and archival materials both in the treatment of elderly patients, and in the encouragement of clinical staff to think about new, cross-disciplinary approaches to geriatric medicine.

The successful candidate will help create 'work packages', in consultation with staff at the University and the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT), for a new 'bibliotherapy' module, in which literary, historical, and archival materials will be used in aiming to improve patient experience in the elderly care wards at the RBFT,

The successful candidate will trial the use of such materials in special workshops held in hospital wards.

The successful candidate will also organise a one-day workshop on the use of literary, historical, and archival materials, to be held at the University and aimed at clinical and academic staff.

Supervision received

The successful candidate will report to the project's Principle Investigator Professor Andrew Mangham, co-director of the Health Humanities Research Centre at Reading. They will be offered general guidance and supervision both by Professor Mangham and Professor Margot Gosney, Elderly Care Consultant at the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Terms and conditions

This post can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. The successful candidate will be expected to work full-time on this project over six-months, or 0.5 over twelve months. The successful candidate will be subject to a DBS assessment.

Date assessed:

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title	School/Department
Postdoctoral Research Assistant	English Literature

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to liaise with colleagues both within and outside the employing institution. • Impressive and proven research ability. • Ability to communicate research. • Organisation abilities; administrative skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work with archives. • Ability to work with vulnerable adults. • Ability to organise workshops and/or research events.
Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will have completed, or be close to completing, a PhD in either English, History, or Museum/Archival Studies. Other related areas such as health, clinical and social work will be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent DBS screening.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good knowledge of research activity and archival work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the health humanities and/or any aspect of health-related humanities research. • Knowledge of the history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working within an academic, museum, archival, or clinical environment, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working with vulnerable adults. • Experience working or volunteering in a healthcare environment. • Experience organising workshops and/or academic conferences.
Disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diligent and conscientious • An eye for detail and analysis • Of a caring and compassionate disposition • Patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good with people, especially vulnerable adults.
Other		

Completed by: Prof. Andrew Mangham	Date: 26/6/19
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