



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Postdoctoral Research Assistant: Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199– £39,609 p.a., pro rata which is an hourly rate of £17.03 - £20.31 per hour)**

**Reference: NNMHR ECR**

**Closing date: 08/05/2019**

**Fixed-term for 24 months 1/6/2019 – 1/6/2021 (100 hours across the period)**

## **Postdoctoral Research Assistant (Medical Humanities) Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures**

Are you a motivated and enthusiastic early career researcher?

Do you want to be involved in the organising of a major research network?

Would you like to help develop the careers of others?

The Northern Network for Medical Humanities Research (NNMHR) is an interdisciplinary group of 10 institutions in the North of England which acts as a hub for academic researchers in the medical humanities as well as practitioners, artists and others who may wish to collaborate. The Network is led by medical humanities researchers at the University of York, Liverpool University, Durham University, the University of Leeds, the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, the University of Glasgow, the University of Sheffield, Northumbria University, and Newcastle University.

The Network is looking to appoint two Postdoctoral Research Assistants, one to be formally based at Leeds, to help with organising the Network's activities over the next two years. The role will involve membership of the Network's Steering Group, co-ordinating a series of subject masterclasses and early career professional development workshops, as well as helping with the running of the Network's day-to-day activities. You will liaise between Network members and assist where appropriate with the organisation of the annual Congress and other NNMHR events

The position offers the opportunity to develop career skills through participating in the activities of a research network and working with a range of individuals across the member institutions.

### **What does the role entail?**

As a Postdoctoral Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Being an active member of the NNMHR Steering Group, representing the views and perspectives of early career researchers
- Reviewing, with other members of the NNMHR Steering Group, applications to the NNMHR research grant Seed Scheme
- Designing, delivering and evaluating at least 4 ECR career development workshops and subject masterclasses



- Monitoring and updating the NNMHR web pages and social media accounts
- Publicising and supporting NNMHR activities, particularly with a view to encouraging ECR involvement

## What will you bring to the role?

As a Postdoctoral Research Assistant you will have:

- A PhD in a relevant Medical Humanities subject area
- Experience of organising and evaluating academic events
- Experience of editing web sites and using social media for academic purposes
- Demonstrated commitment to the medical humanities as an interdisciplinary research field
- The ability to work independently, take initiative and prioritise your own workload without close supervision

You may also have:

- Experience in formal evaluation of research funding proposals
- Experience of designing, delivering and evaluating training sessions for ECRs

## How to apply

Please send an application (CV and a covering letter) by **5.00pm** on the advertised closing date - **Wednesday 8 May 2019** – to Stuart Murray ([s.f.murray@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.f.murray@leeds.ac.uk)). Please note that interviews are due to take place in Leeds on Fri 24 May.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**Professor Stuart Murray: School of English, University of Leeds**

Tel: 0113 343 4747

Email: [s.f.murray@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.f.murray@leeds.ac.uk)

**Or, Dr Angela Woods: Institute of Medical Humanities, Durham University**

Tel: 0191 33 48145

Email: [angela.woods@durham.ac.uk](mailto:angela.woods@durham.ac.uk)



## Additional information

This position is open to all suitably qualified candidates who have an affiliation with any NNMHR member institution and a genuine interest in the work of the network. You will work with a similar appointee based at Durham University and both roles will be managed by Professor Stuart Murray (Leeds) and Dr Angela Woods (Durham). Although formally based in Leeds, this work can largely be done remotely and the exact working pattern is negotiable.

**Applicants MUST be eligible to work in the UK and should also be affiliated to one of the Network member institutions.**

Further information on the NNMHR can be found here: <http://nnmh.org.uk/>.

Further information about Medical Humanities Research at Leeds can be found here: <https://ahc.leeds.ac.uk/english-research-innovation/doc/centre-medical-humanities-1>.

Further information about the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures can be found here: <https://ahc.leeds.ac.uk/>.

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