

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
HISTORY
LECTURER (TEACHING FOCUSED) IN MODERN BRITISH HISTORY
VACANCY REF: HUM-015623

Salary: £36,914 to £40,322 per annum (depending on experience)

Hours: Full time

Duration: As soon as possible starting September 2020 to 31 August 2021

Location: Oxford Road, Manchester

Enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews:

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[History at the University of Manchester](#)

Manchester is an historically iconic city which draws cultural energy from its past. Rich in the knowledge of its contribution to the development of the modern world, it is an exciting place in which to study History. Our educational vision is to build upon this sense of the vitality of the past to ask the big historical questions through which we can engage students and then train them to become fully-fledged historians capable of undertaking authentic research projects. Manchester is well placed to realize that vision. The University has an extraordinary range of historical expertise, much of which lies outside the History Department itself but which offers exciting opportunities in collaborative research and teaching.

As well as comprising a dynamic group of researchers, History at Manchester develops innovative undergraduate and MA teaching and assessment methods to place alongside long trusted ways of challenging students. These include a variety of computer assisted learning

techniques, the application of GIS to History, and the use of group projects (posters and Wikis) in final assessment. History continues to place a strong emphasis on introducing undergraduates to original historical research through project and thesis work. It offers a broad range of cultural, economic, political, and social history, taught across a time span beginning about 400AD and covering the Americas, Africa, Russia, China and India in addition to Europe, Eastern Europe and Britain. History teaching at Manchester is research-led, and all colleagues are expected to imbue teaching with their research, particularly in third-year undergraduate and MA courses.

Postgraduate teaching and research have long been central to the department's mission. We currently have 45 MA students and over 50 PhD students, including many holders of research council studentships.

The History department at Manchester is committed to decolonising our curriculum (for further information on this, please see: <https://uomhistory.com/2019/02/28/reflecting-on-racial-inequalities-in-the-discipline-of-history/>). In light of this, the successful candidate will be encouraged to use reflective teaching practices.

History forms part of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, in the Faculty of Humanities. The recent Research Excellence Framework placed History at Manchester 10th nationally in terms of overall GPA, and 4th in terms of publications. Manchester historians have a strong record of attracting external research funding, and currently direct or participate in several major ESRC and AHRC projects, as well as receiving income from funding bodies such as the British Academy and the Leverhulme Trust.

Key Responsibilities, Accountabilities or Duties:

The post will be held in the History Department. The main duties will include:

- teaching and examining in undergraduate and MA programmes as specified;
- academic advising (personal tutoring);
- supervision of undergraduate level 2 long essays, Level 3 & 4 dissertations.

In detail, the following will be involved:

- offering seminars on 'History in Practice';
- contributing lectures and seminars to the Level 1 courses 'Imperial Nation: the Making of Modern Britain 1783-1902' and 'Capitalism in Historical Perspective 1700-1913';
- contributing lectures and seminars to the Level 2 course 'Winds of Change: Politics, society and Culture in Britain, 1899-1990';
- supervising second-year independent research projects and third-year dissertations;
- contributing to Level 4 teaching (including the MA core and optional courses 'Remaking Modern British History' and 'Boundaries of the Political') and supervising MA dissertations.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- a PhD or equivalent in Modern British history;
- a demonstrable commitment to fostering undergraduate- and postgraduate-level study in the field;
- a record of successful teaching in a relevant field;