

Job Title	Postdoctoral Researcher	Grade	8
Faculty/ Directorate	Science, Engineering and Computing	Section	Engineering and the Environment
Reports to	Senior Lecturer	Direct reports	n/a

Job purpose

This is an exciting opportunity to join a team on a three-year project funded by Wellcome to investigate morbidity, mortality and occupational health in the Victorian and Edwardian Post Office. The main purpose of the role is to oversee the digitisation, inputting and georeferencing of approximately 30,000 individual pension records, providing advice to volunteers involved in the project, and providing quality assurance. The postholder will be an important part of a team of eight, including the academic leads and Ph D students, together with volunteers from The Postal Museum and elsewhere. The postholder will be part of a team to deliver the research outcomes in a timely manner and to an excellent standard. They will be involved in research, analysis, dissemination and writing up of research.

Role & Responsibilities

- Overseeing digitisation and data entry of historical records relating to pensioners in the Post Office.
- Co-designing and managing the project database.
- Geo-referencing spatial data.
- Quality assurance of data inputting.
- Analysing and writing up findings from concept through to publication.
- Disseminating project findings in academic journals, at national and international conferences and via social media.
- Assisting with public engagement events.

Please note, on occasions other duties may be undertaken as part of this role and in line with the grade.

DBS Check

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Knowledge & Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
▪ PhD in a relevant subject, including but not confined to medical history, history, historical geography, digital humanities, social sciences and health sciences.	X	
▪ Experience of working with quantitative historical or geospatial data, preferably relating to health.	X	
▪ Strong knowledge of GIS software.		X
▪ Strong knowledge of database software.		X
▪ Strong knowledge of statistical software.		X
▪ Knowledge of epidemiology.		X

Skills & Competences	Essential	Desirable
▪ Project management skills.	X	
▪ Archival research using original historical documents.	X	
▪ Leadership and team-working.	X	
▪ Good oral and written skills.	X	
▪ Good dissemination skills.	X	
▪ Competence in geographic information systems (e.g. QGIS, ArcGIS).		X
▪ Competence in database systems (e.g. PostgreSQL).		X
▪ Competence in statistical analysis (e.g. R).		X
▪ Good coding and markup skills (e.g. Python, xml)		X

Important Working Relationships

- The post is part of the academic project team including principal and co-investigators, another postdoctoral researcher and two doctoral students at Kingston University, King's College London, University of Derby and University College London.
- Liaising with Postal Museum staff and overseeing volunteer team.