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[SCHOOL OF SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES -
POLITICS, HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#)

PROFESSOR OF MODERN HISTORY

JOB REF: REQ15185

MARCH 2015

As part of the University's ongoing commitment to redeployment, please note that this vacancy may be withdrawn at any stage of the recruitment process if a suitable redeployee is identified.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Grade: Research, Teaching and Enterprise, Grade 9

1. Job purpose:

- To lead the development and implementation of research, teaching and enterprise strategy to maintain vitality in the activities of the School of Social, Political and Geographical Sciences generally and in the area of History specifically.
- To engage personally with those activities, adding to the School's international reputation in Modern Cultural History.

2. Duties and responsibilities:

Academic Leadership

- To provide academic leadership for the activities of the School specifically in the area of Modern Cultural History as well as more generally across the School and the University.
- To pursue excellence in research, teaching and enterprise and to inspire others to do the same.
- To play a lead role in the development and communication of the strategic vision for History.
- To lead and participate in internal and external networks to foster collaboration and to promote History, in the School and the University, nationally and internationally.

Research

- To pursue an 'internationally competitive' personal research programme consistent with the strategic research priorities of the School.
- To secure external research funding.
- To supervise and manage research projects.
- To publish the outcomes of research in outlets of international standing.
- To attend and contribute to the organisation of major international conferences.
- To supervise postgraduate students at Masters and Doctoral levels.

- To initiate, lead and collaborate in research initiatives with colleagues in the School and more widely across the University including with colleagues in Research Schools.
- To initiate, lead and collaborate in research initiatives with other HEIs and other relevant bodies.
- To support and inspire all staff and students of the History Research Group to work to the highest possible standards.

Teaching

- To teach and inspire undergraduate and postgraduate students, and to conduct associated assessments.
- To provide academic support to undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- To promote the use of a range of methods and techniques in teaching, learning and assessment.
- To engage in the evaluation and development of modules for which you have responsibility, in terms of content, delivery and assessment.
- To be responsible for the design and content of specific areas of teaching and learning within the School's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.
- To lead colleagues in the continuous review and development of the School's taught programmes and the curriculum.

Enterprise

- To initiate and lead engagement with business, public and voluntary organisations through knowledge exchange activities such as student projects and placements, research collaboration, consultancy and specialist training.
- To create social, cultural and economic impacts from academic, especially research, activity.
- To secure external funding in support of these activities.
- To seek opportunities for the commercialisation of research and the formation of social enterprises.

Related Activities and Functions

- To engage in an annual process of Performance and Development Review.
- To appraise and advise staff on personal and career development plans.
- To work effectively with relevant administrative, technical and academic staff in the School and across the University.
- To carry out specific administrative roles and functions as may be reasonably required e.g. Responsible Examiner, Programme Director, Academic Tutor, Admissions Tutor.
- To take part in and, on occasion, act as chair of one or more of the School's committees.
- To engage in professional development programmes in the University (e.g. through Staff Development) which are consistent with your needs and aspirations and those of the School.
- To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably requested and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.

3. Special Conditions: None

4. Organisational Responsibility: Reports to Dean of School

Other

All staff have a statutory responsibility to take reasonable care of themselves, others and the environment and to prevent harm by their acts or omissions. All staff are therefore required to adhere to the University's Health, Safety and Environmental Policy & Procedures.

All staff should hold a duty and commitment to observing the University's Equality & Diversity policy and procedures at all times. Duties must be carried out in accordance with relevant Equality & Diversity legislation and University policies/procedures.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title: Professor of Modern History

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	Essential	Desirable
Education	An outstanding educational profile up to and including first degree and/or Masters in History or a related subject. (1) Relevant PhD in History. (1)	Appropriate professional qualifications and status (1).
Leadership Experience	Leadership experience gained within university settings (1,3), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project management • leading collaborations • managing professional staff (academic or otherwise) within a team. • managing budgets 	Experience at research group head or equivalent level (1,3), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strategic planning and delivery • promoting your organisation
Technical Experience	Background in History with specific and current expertise in Cultural History. (1,2,3) Currently and demonstrably active in research in Modern Cultural History. (2,3) Producing world-class research in terms of originality, significance and rigour. (1,2,3) Having an established record of academic distinction and leadership, including the ability to stimulate and inspire others (1,2,3) Extended experience of successfully supervising the projects of taught and research students. (1,3) Experience of teaching and assessment at undergraduate and postgraduate level. (1,3)	Experience in commercial exploitation of products / services or formation of social enterprises. (1,3)

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General Skills, Abilities and Knowledge	<p>Demonstrated ability to develop a major original research programme on your own initiative and to persuade others of its importance orally and on paper. (2,3)</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to secure research and/or enterprise funds from external sources on a regular basis. (1,3)</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to create social / cultural / economic impacts from professional activity. (2,3)</p> <p>Ability to teach and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate students in History. (1,2)</p> <p>Ability to provide tutorial advice to students. (1)</p> <p>Ability to work independently, as part of a team and as the leader of a team. (1,3)</p> <p>Ability to advise staff on personal and career development plans (1,3)</p> <p>Excellent communication skills (2)</p> <p>Excellent IT skills (1)</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to take part in module and programme development. (3)</p> <p>A sound understanding of the structure of universities and issues facing the UK higher education sector, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research funding opportunities in UK HE. (2,3) • the challenges faced in recruiting students to UK HE. (1) 	
Training	Willingness to undertake appropriate further training and to adopt new procedures as and when required. (1)	Completion of a recognised training programme for academic staff. (1)
Other	Commitment to observing the University's Equal Opportunities policy at all times. (1,3)	

Typical assessment stages (shown in brackets):

1 = Application form and CV, 2 = Presentation and questions, 3 = Final interview.

Conditions of Service

The appointment will be on a full-time, open-ended contract, commencing 1 September 2015. Salary will be on Research, Teaching and Enterprise Grade 9, on a minimum starting salary of £56,482.

The appointment will be subject to the University's normal Terms and Conditions of Employment for Academic and Related staff, details of which can be found at: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/hr/a-z/conditions-of-service.html>

Informal Enquiries

Informal enquiries should be made to Chris Szejnmann, Professor of Modern History, by email at: c.w.szejnmann@lboro.ac.uk.

Application

The closing date for receipt of applications is **7 May 2015**. **Interviews will be held on 2 June 2015**.