

## **Postdoctoral Research Assistant: Enlightenment Architectures**

**Full time**

**Fixed Term: 28 months in duration**

**£28,460 per annum pro-rata**

**Ref:**

An exciting opportunity has arisen at the British Museum for a Postdoctoral Research Assistant to contribute to the Leverhulme Trust funded research project *Enlightenment Architectures: Sir Hans Sloane's catalogues of his collections* under the Principal Investigator, Kim Sloan and Co-Investigator Julianne Nyhan (UCL).

Beginning ideally in May 2017, as part of this project, the post-holder will work alongside another Postdoctoral Research Assistant on the process of digitally encoding externally sourced transcriptions of six of Sir Hans Sloane's manuscript catalogues and will assist with identifying information entities within them which will inform research. You will also participate in the production of the project's peer-reviewed research publications, planned to be a minimum of four co-authored interdisciplinary articles which will be published by the end of the project.

The successful candidate will have completed a PhD, or equivalent, and will be proficient in Latin and/or at least one modern language related to the project. With experience of research/teaching/curatorial work, you will have strong knowledge of electronic text, particularly digital cultural heritage resources for the 17th and 18th centuries.

As an excellent team player, you will be able to work closely and diplomatically with research partners and museum colleagues and will be confident in speaking publicly about research to scholarly and wider audiences. You will have excellent organisation skills, will work to meet set deadlines and will have your own academic publication in preparation.

### **About the British Museum:**

Founded in 1753, the British Museum's remarkable collection spans over two million years of human history and culture. With over 6.8 million visitors in 2015, the Museum is the top visitor attraction in the UK, and its world-famous collection includes the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon sculptures, Egyptian mummies, the Admonitions Scroll, and the Amaravati sculptures.

The Museum adheres to the HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) requirements for all staff at the British Museum.

The Museum is an equal opportunity employer, supports a diverse workplace and offers a competitive benefits package including:

- Membership of the civil service pension scheme
- Free entry to a wide range of museums and exhibitions
- Participation in private and public Museum activities, including talks by leading curators from around the world and behind-the-scenes opportunities to learn how museums care for and manage their extraordinary collections
- Generous annual leave allowance
- Interest-free season ticket loan
- Child care voucher scheme
- Professional & personal development opportunities
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Discounts on food and gift shop purchases

If you are a positive individual, passionate about the Museum and would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, please follow the "Apply Now" link below where you will be directed to complete your application.

Please be advised that this is not a re-advertisement and candidates who applied to this role previously are welcome to apply again.

**Interviews to be held on 30 March 2017**

Closing date 13 March 2017