



## THE POST

<b>College:</b>	<b>College of Humanities</b>
<b>Post:</b>	<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b>
<b>Reference No:</b>	<b>P64462</b>
<b>Grade:</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Reporting To:</b>	<b>Head of History</b>
<b>Responsible For:</b>	<b>-</b>

The above full time post is available from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the College of Humanities.

### **Job Description**

The Postdoctoral Research Associate will support the work of Professor Maria Fusaro in her European Research Council funded project (AveTransRisk - grant agreement number 724544). The overall aim of the project is to investigate the legal and economic development of General Averages comparatively across Europe. The project will be articulated along two principal axes: one principally concerned with economic analysis, which will analyse (and make available) data extracted from archives in Italy (Venice, Livorno, Genoa), the Low Countries and Spain; the other concentrating on the legal and political elements behind GA historical development. You can hear more details about the project from this link: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/research/events/ercweek/professormariafusaro/>

### **Main purpose of the job:**

The successful candidate will work on documentary evidence in Malta, one of the main centres of maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, where the archives of some local notaries contain a wealth of sea protests related to General Average, which will shed light on the development of GA at the intersection between common law and *ius commune*. Under the supervision of Professor Fusaro and Dr. Guido Rossi (University of Edinburgh), one of the senior fellows of the project, the PDRA will be responsible for:

- Digitalisation of the Maltese documentation;
- Inputting relevant data into the project Database;
- Write an article for a peer reviewed journal based on this material;
- Participate in the project's activities (workshops and conferences).

The successful applicant will also be fluent in both English and Italian, as these are the languages in which the primary evidence is written.

### **Main duties and accountabilities:**

1. To undertake research as appropriate to the field of study including:
  - Writing up research work for publication;
  - Developing research objectives and proposals for own or joint research;
  - Making presentations at national and international conferences and similar events;
  - Dealing with problems which may affect the achievement of research objectives and deadlines;
  - Analysing and interpreting the results of own research and generating original ideas based on outcomes;
  - Using new research techniques and methods;
  - Using initiative and creativity to identify areas for research, developing new research methods and extending the research portfolio;
  - Using creativity to analyse and interpret research data and draw conclusions on the outcomes.

2. To contribute to teaching and to be involved in the assessment of student knowledge including assisting in the supervision of student projects and in the development of student research skills.
3. To work in collaboration with colleagues as appropriate to the field of study including:
  - Contributing to collaborative decision making within the research group;
  - Contributing to the production of collaborative research reports and publications.
  - Preparing papers and presenting information on research progress and outcomes to bodies supervising research, e.g. steering groups.
4. To communicate complex information, orally, in writing and electronically.
5. To prepare proposals and applications to external bodies, e.g. for funding and contractual purposes
6. To contribute to the planning of research projects.
7. To use research resources, laboratories and workshops as appropriate and to take responsibility for reducing hazards and for the health and safety of others. Where appropriate, will also be responsible for conducting risk assessments.
8. To monitor research budgets as appropriate.
9. To engage in continuous professional development and to be responsible for continually updating knowledge and understanding in field of study or specialism and for developing skills.

This job description summarises the main duties and accountabilities of the post and is not comprehensive: the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties of similar level and responsibility. Please visit the Human Resources website to view the Research Fellow role profiles.

### **Person Specification**

<b>Competency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Attainments/Qualifications	PhD (or nearing completion) or equivalent qualification/experience in a related field of study.	
Skills and Understanding	Sufficient knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.  Fluent in both English and Italian	Evidence of research activity and published research.
Prior Experience	Understanding of health and safety legislation	Experience of undergraduate teaching
Behavioural Characteristics	Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Able to communicate material of a specialist or highly technical nature. Able to manage research and administrative activities and to balance the competing pressures of research and administrative demands and deadlines. Able to liaise with colleagues and students. Able to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks for the exchange of information and collaboration. Able to identify potential sources of funding.	

	<p>Actively participate as a member of a research team</p> <p>Engage in continuous professional development.</p> <p>Understand equal opportunity issues as they may impact on areas of research content</p> <p>Where appropriate to the role, willingness to undergo training in order to conduct risk assessments</p>	
Circumstances	<p>Willing to work flexibly to achieve project demands</p> <p>Ability to be based in Malta for the initial phase of employment (estimated period January – April 2019) in order to access the archive.</p>	

**Informal Enquiries**

Before submitting an application you may wish to discuss the post further by contacting Professor Maria Fusaro, via email [m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk).

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