

Job description

Job title	Departmental Lecturer in Global and Imperial History
Division	Humanities
Department	Faculty of History
Location	Faculty of History the Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities in the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Oxford
Grade and salary	Grade 7 point 1-3: £37,174 – £39,355 per annum
Hours	Full time
Start date	1 January 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
Contract type	Fixed-term for four years (48 months) to cover a substantive postholder whilst they hold a divisional role and then are subsequently on leave
Method of Application	Electronic (see 'How to Apply' below)
Application deadline	Midday on Friday 5 th September 2025
Number of referees required	Two references (please note that reference letters will only be requested at the shortlisting stage)
Vacancy reference	180581

The role

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Faculty of History for a fixed term of four years. The appointee will primarily lecture and teach undergraduate and graduate students, and will also engage in advanced study and conduct independent research within the Faculty of History.

The appointee will organise and contribute to courses in Global and Imperial History at undergraduate and Masters level, including teaching on the MSt Global and Imperial History, and for the DPhil training seminar in Global and Imperial History, as well as preparing and delivering their own MSt option paper.

Further course information on both can be found via:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/mst-global-and-imperial-history>

<https://global.history.ox.ac.uk/dphil-history>



The appointee will be expected to help cover the teaching and administrative responsibilities of Professor Andy Thompson, Professor of Global and Imperial History, whilst he is Associate Head of Division (Research) for a three-year term and then whilst he is on a subsequent period of sabbatical. The appointee will cover teaching and supervision specifically with a focus on Global and Imperial History, as well as having the opportunity to develop their own research and teaching interests within the field.

Responsibilities

- Undertake advanced academic study to underpin lectures and class teaching
- Lecture, tutor, and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate students in Global History; including some or all of the following:
 - seminars and tutorials for the MSt Concepts & Themes course;
 - preparing and delivering an MSt option paper
 - contributing to the DPhil training seminars;
 - lectures for the European and World History 11 undergraduate paper ([Imperial & Global History, 1750-1930](#));
 - supervising relevant undergraduate dissertations.
- Take a lead role in organising the Hilary Term MSt and DPhil student presentations
- Produce lecture notes, course materials, reading lists, and reference guides
- Engage in assessment and university examining
- Be the first contact for student matters relating to attendance, conduct, coursework, performance, and welfare (referring matters to appropriate others)
- Organise specific areas of the syllabus relating to global and imperial history at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including the Masters course in Global History
- Participate in the graduate student admissions processes
- Gather and analyse feedback from students, colleagues, and examiners, and modify course design, content, or delivery as appropriate
- Provide *ad hoc* guidance and supervision to graduate students
- In support of the development of courses and teaching, manage own academic research activities and conduct independent research.
- Write research articles as appropriate for peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and reviews, and give presentations or briefings to disseminate research findings at conferences
- Liaise with examiners and academic staff regarding teaching arrangements and student performance, and with funding bodies, stakeholders, and researchers in related fields to share information and expertise

- Contribute to collaborative projects with colleagues in partner institutions and research groups including co-convening events organised by the Centre for Global History.

Practical information

Queries about the post should be addressed to Professor Faisal Devji, Professor of Indian History (faisal.devji@history.ox.ac.uk). All practical and procedural queries should be sent to our recruitments team: recruitments@history.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence; they will not form part of the selection decision.

We expect to hold interviews in September/early October.

Selection criteria

Applications will be judged only against the criteria which are set out below. You should make sure that your application shows very clearly how closely your skills and experience meet these criteria. We are committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Chairs of selection committees will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity and fair selection and there will be both female and male members of the selection committee. Selection committees will explicitly take into account any career breaks or other factors, such as part-time working or disability, which may have had an impact on the quantity of candidates' publications.

Qualifications and experience	
Essential	A completed doctorate in a relevant field, or evidence that a doctorate is close to completion.
Essential	Sufficient depth and breadth of knowledge in the subject to develop course materials and research proposals
Teaching and research	
Essential	An aptitude for teaching, the ability to enthuse and inspire students and some experience of contributing to courses on the methodology and historiography of Global & Imperial History
Essential	The ability to take on administrative responsibilities such as organising graduate student presentations.
Essential	A publication record commensurate with career stage, and familiarity with the existing literature and research in the field of Global & Imperial History.
Essential	Knowledge or interest in the history of the British empire, and knowledge of one or more of the following fields: global history, the history of empire, and related regional histories
Personal effectiveness	
Essential	Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills.
Essential	Professionalism as a colleague and a proven track record of working with others.
Technical skills	
Essential	Computer literacy and ICT competence, including the ability to engage with bespoke University and College software.

Desirable	Ability to use technological innovations to improve teaching and research.
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Pre-employment screening

Standard checks

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) we will contact the referees you have nominated. If you have previously worked for the University we will also verify key information such as your dates of employment and reason for leaving your previous role with the department/unit where you worked. You will also be asked to complete a health declaration so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures at:

<https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>

About the University of Oxford

Welcome to the University of Oxford. We aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford's researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

We believe our strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, while providing all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is our strength, vital for innovation and creativity, we aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe's most entrepreneurial universities and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

Join us and you will find a unique, democratic and international community, a great range of staff benefits and access to a vibrant array of cultural activities in the beautiful city of Oxford.

For more information, please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

The Faculty of History

The Faculty of History in Oxford is the largest in the United Kingdom and one of the largest in the world. It has a very strong international reputation for its scholarship and its teaching of undergraduate and graduate students, with particular strengths in the history of the British Isles, continental Europe, imperial and global history, the United States, economic and social history, intellectual history and the history of science, medicine and technology. Within the Faculty there is also a department for the History of Art and a number of dedicated research centres.

The Faculty of History provides a robust and supportive framework for research, including:

- Financial support for research travel, research assistance, and editorial help
- Mentoring, including discussion of research plans and progress
- Internal and interdisciplinary collaborations, through research centres
- Assistance in the formulation of research plans and funding bids

The Faculty enables all its postholders, including departmental lecturers, to request up to £800 per year for research expenses, and makes additional funds available for organising conferences in Oxford. In addition, to assist newly-appointed postholders in the development and publication of their research, Faculty funds are available for early career and established colleagues to hold a workshop at which colleagues can discuss drafts of their next monograph.

The Faculty is located in the Old Boys' High School, George Street. This is a very central location, less than 10 minutes' walk from the rail station, and very close to bus station, shops and other University locations. The premises house a community of around 20 administrative staff and up to 30 other users, comprising doctoral students, researchers, and academics and professors. The building is also used for teaching and seminars.

More information about the Faculty can be found at: www.history.ox.ac.uk.

The Faculty holds a bronze Athena Swan award to recognise advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all.

The Humanities Division

The Humanities Division is one of four academic divisions in the University of Oxford, bringing together the faculties of Classics; English; History; Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics; Medieval and Modern Languages; Music; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Philosophy; and Theology and Religion, as well as the Ruskin School of Art. The Division has more than 500 members of academic staff, approximately 4,100 undergraduates (more than a third of the total undergraduate population of the University), 1,000 postgraduate research students and 720 students on postgraduate taught courses.

The Division offers world-class teaching and research, backed by the superb resources of the University's libraries and museums, including the famous Bodleian Libraries, with their 11 million volumes and priceless early book and manuscript collections, and the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology. Such historic resources are linked to innovative agendas in research and teaching, with an increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary study. Our faculties are among the largest in the world, enabling Oxford to offer an education in Arts and Humanities unparalleled in its range of subjects, from music and fine art to ancient and modern languages.

For more information please visit: www.humanities.ox.ac.uk.

How to apply

Applications are made through our online recruitment portal. Information about how to apply is available on our Jobs website <https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/how-to-apply>.

Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that you meet the selection criteria stated in the job description.

As part of your application you will be asked to provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them now.

You will be asked to upload a CV and a supporting statement. The supporting statement must explain how you meet each of the selection criteria for the post using examples of your skills and experience. This may include experience gained in employment, education, or during career breaks (such as time out to care for dependants)

Please upload all documents **as PDF files** with your name and the document type in the filename.

All applications must be received by **midday** UK time on the closing date stated in the online advertisement.

Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment because they have been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing department(s).

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you attach your redeployment letter to your application (or email it to the contact address on the advert if the application form used for the vacancy does not allow attachments).

If you need help

Application FAQs, including technical troubleshooting advice is available at:

<https://staff.web.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support-faqs>

Non-technical questions about this job should be addressed to the recruiting department directly

recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk.

To return to the online application at any stage, please go to: www.recruit.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that you will receive an automated email from our online recruitment portal to confirm receipt of your application. **Please check your spam/junk mail** if you do not receive this email.

Important information for candidates

Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University's Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>. The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>.

The University's policy on retirement

The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for very senior research posts at **grade RSIV/D35 and clinical equivalents E62 and E82** of 30 September before the 70th birthday. The justification for this is explained at: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

For **existing** employees on these grades, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>.

There is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at other grades have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.

Equality of opportunity

Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Benefits of working at the University

Employee benefits

University employees enjoy 38 days' paid holiday, generous pension schemes, travel discounts, and a variety of professional development opportunities. Our range of other employee benefits and discounts also includes free entry to the Botanic Gardens and University colleges, and discounts at University museums. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-benefits>

University Club and sports facilities

Membership of the University Club is free for all University staff. The University Club offers social, sporting, and hospitality facilities. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room, and swimming pool. See www.club.ox.ac.uk and <https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/>.

Information for staff new to Oxford

If you are relocating to Oxfordshire from overseas or elsewhere in the UK, the University's Welcome Service website includes practical information about settling in the area, including advice on relocation, accommodation, and local schools. See <https://welcome.ox.ac.uk/>

There is also a visa loan scheme to cover the costs of UK visa applications for staff and their dependants. See <https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk/visa-loan-scheme>

Family-friendly benefits

With one of the most generous family leave schemes in the Higher Education sector, and a range of flexible working options, Oxford aims to be a family-friendly employer. We also subscribe to the Work+Family Space, a service that provides practical advice and support for employees who have caring responsibilities. The service offers a free telephone advice line, and the ability to book emergency back-up care for children, adult dependents and elderly relatives. See <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/my-family-care>

The University has excellent childcare services, including five University nurseries as well as University-supported places at many other private nurseries.

For full details, including how to apply and the costs, see <https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

Disabled staff

We are committed to supporting members of staff with disabilities or long-term health conditions. For further details, including information about how to make contact, in confidence, with the University's Staff Disability Advisor, see <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/disability-support>

Staff networks

The University has a number of staff networks including the Oxford Research Staff Society, BME staff network, LGBT+ staff network and a disabled staff network. You can find more information at <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/networks>

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club is an organisation run by volunteers that aims to assist the partners of new staff settle into Oxford, and provides them with an opportunity to meet people and make connections in the local area. See www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Research Staff Society (OxRSS)

A society run by and for Oxford University research staff. It offers researchers a range of social and professional networking opportunities. Membership is free, and all researchers employed by Oxford University are welcome to join. Subscribe at researchstaff-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk to join the mailing list to find out about upcoming events and other information for researchers, or contact the committee on committee@oxrss.ox.ac.uk. For more information, see www.ox.ac.uk/oxrss, Twitter @ResStaffOxford, and Facebook www.facebook.com/oxrss.