Heritage & Creativity Institute for Collections

HCIC Post-Doctoral Bid Development Residency Application Form 2018-19

The HCIC is allocating up to two stipends of £1330 to support residencies for post-doctoral bid development. The Residents will have the opportunity to develop funding applications for post-doctoral research on University of Reading Collections at the University of Reading. The funding is available to doctoral candidates who are in the final stages of thesis submission or to those who have graduated from a doctorate within the last three years.

The aim of this fund is to increase the number of externally funded post-doctoral research projects based in academic departments at the University of Reading and focusing on the University of Reading’s Collections. The residencies provide financial support for who are working to attract funding which builds on their doctoral research with the University of Reading collections.

Applicants will:

* Have secured approval and advice from a mentor/ supervisor at the University of Reading.
* Have already undertaken research with the University of Reading’s collections or have similar experience with related collections elsewhere.
* Have clearly articulated how their project links to the University of Reading’s research and collections.
* Have a strong research proposal and academic CV.
* Be in the final stages of PhD thesis submission or have submitted their thesis within the past three years.
* Have explored the requirements of a chosen funding stream with their planned supervisor and the Research and Enterprise Development team at the University of Reading.
* Have sought approval for this application in a timely manner with the relevant collections manager(s) at the University of Reading.
* Have demonstrated how they are planning to use their time (based on an expectation of equivalent 4-6 weeks with at least 6 days based in the collections).

Applicants do not have to be based at the University of Reading or hold a post at any other institution.

### For reference the HCIC aims to:

### Develop research frameworks to capture, communicate, and strategise the research potential of selected collections at the University of Reading.

### Increase the number and quality of University of Reading-owned research bids based around collections.

### Raise the profile of the research potential of collections with academic audiences, develop a research specific communications strategy, and raise the profile of existing leadership through impact and collections-focused public engagement activities.

### Provide opportunities to demonstrate and develop research leadership around collections and support the development of a collections-focused community of researchers.

### Forge effective partnerships with national and international organisations which will support future bid development and lead to enhanced impact case studies and knowledge exchange.

**Please return this form to Kate Benyon** [k.l.benyon@reading.ac.uk](mailto:k.l.benyon@reading.ac.uk) **by 9am Friday 21st December 2018.**

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| Name, Department, University of Reading Research Division and University of Reading Research Theme |
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| Academic CV |
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| Short statement of support from:   * Potential University of Reading Supervisor/ Mentor * University of Reading Head of Department and Research Division Leader * University of Reading member of staff responsible for Collections Management |
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| Outline your planned research funding bid (1500 words) |
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| Timetable and targets for residency (500 words) |

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