

Lecturer/Assoc. Professor, Art and Material Cultures of Britain, London

History of Art Department, University College London (UCL)

Application deadline: Apr 22, 2025

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UCL History of Art is seeking to appoint a full-time Lecturer (Grade 8) or Associate Professor (Grade 9) specialising in British art and material culture in its global and colonial contexts, c. 1650-1900. It is a permanent position.

UCL History of Art has a long, distinguished engagement with the politics and aesthetics of British art and empire, as well as histories and theories of material culture, broadly understood. The successful appointee will have a relevant PhD and a track record of publications and research excellence in their field. The position will begin on September 1, 2025.

About us:

UCL History of Art is a successful medium-sized department, based within the Faculty of Social & Historical Sciences, with a very high international reputation. Academic staff have a wide range of approaches to the history of art, working across an expanded geography with particular interests in image cultures, the materials and materiality of art, and visual technologies of all kinds. The Department's research was ranked 1st in London for Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory by REF 2021 (overall GPA rankings).

The Department has a large and productive research-student community, with an average of 30-40 research students registered in any one year, and a thriving MA History of Art programme. In 2023 we launched a new MSc Conservation of Contemporary Art & Media at UCL East, a new campus in east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Undergraduate programmes include a single honours History of Art degree and several combined honours programmes. As part of the single honours degree, students can choose to follow a unique route in History of Art, Materials and Technology.

About you:

We are seeking a scholar whose research engages with current critical and theoretical debates in the discipline, and whose teaching and research will complement and enhance the Department's existing expertise. We particularly encourage applications from scholars with interests in issues such as migration, mobility and diasporas; imperial and colonial histories and legacies; cross-cultural and cross-regional interactions; materiality and making; gender and sexuality; visual technologies; ecology and the environment; race and racialisation; or class, poverty and inequality. We welcome applications from candidates with regional specialisms outside of Europe whose research examines colonial, commercial and cross-cultural exchanges with Britain, as well as from those

whose work is in dialogue with London and its collections. However, we encourage applications from all candidates invested in innovative conceptual approaches, who are able to connect their areas of expertise to larger intellectual and methodological frameworks.

What we offer:

As well as the exciting opportunities this role presents, we also offer some great benefits some of which are below:

- 41 Days holiday (27 days annual leave 8 bank holiday and 6 closure days)
- Defined benefit career average revalued earnings pension scheme (CARE)
- Cycle to work scheme and season ticket loan
- On-Site nursery
- On-site gym
- Enhanced maternity, paternity and adoption pay
- Employee assistance programme: Staff Support Service
- Discounted medical insurance
- Salary: £ 66,711- £ 72,370

We will consider applications to work on a part-time, flexible and job share basis wherever possible.

Please visit: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/work-at-ucl/rewards-and-benefits> to find out more about the benefits.

This role meets the eligibility requirements for a skilled worker certificate of sponsorship under UK Visas and Immigration legislation. Therefore, UCL welcomes applications from international applicants who require a visa.

How to Apply:

A job description and person specification can be accessed at the bottom of this page. When you are ready to apply select: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/work-at-ucl/search-ucl-jobs/apply?jobId=Q1KFK026203F3VBQBLO8M8M07-32453&langCode=en_GB and complete the form.

Please attach an academic CV and a covering letter addressed to the search committee which clearly demonstrates how you meet the criteria of the person specification. If applying for the position at Associate Professor (Grade 9) please ensure you detail how you meet the additional criteria for appointment at that level.

If you submit a comprehensive covering letter you may just write 'see covering letter' in the section of the application questionnaire which requests a personal statement.

Please do not include additional attachments, e.g., writing samples, copies of certificates, references are not required at this stage.

The application deadline is 23:59 Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (UK time).

Recruitment process:

This will be a two-stage recruitment process.

Longlisted candidates will be invited to attend an online interview in mid-May. Candidates short-listed from the first interview will be invited to attend an in-person interview in early June.

If you need reasonable adjustments or a more accessible format to apply for this job online or have any queries about the application process, please contact Eleanor Day: e.day@ucl.ac.uk.

Our commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:

As London's Global University, we know diversity fosters creativity and innovation, and we want our community to represent the diversity of the world's talent. We are committed to equality of opportunity, to being fair and inclusive, and to being a place where we all belong. We therefore particularly encourage applications from candidates who are likely to be underrepresented in UCL's workforce. These include people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds; disabled people; LGBTQI+ people; and for our Grade 9 and 10 roles, women. Our department holds an Athena SWAN Bronze award, in recognition of our commitment to advancing gender equality.

You can read more about our commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion here: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/equality-diversity-inclusion/>

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