

Curator: Islamic Collections

Middle East Department

Full Time

Fixed Term- 7 months

£27,360 per annum

Closing date: Monday 22 June 2015

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Middle East Department within a rapidly modernising and world-renowned setting. As Curator: Islamic Collections for the most popular tourist attraction in the UK you will assist in curating the Islamic, with an emphasis on the Arab World and Turkey, and the Modern Middle East art collections. This position will provide backfill cover on a temporary basis for the permanent post holder who is on secondment.

Key areas of responsibility:

- . To assist in the administration, curatorship and development of the Islamic collections (Arab world and Turkey) in line with the Departmental Plan - including exhibition work, research, upgrade of database entries and space planning strategies (galleries and storage).
- . To assist the permanent post holder in the administration of the Modern Middle East art collection.
- . To assist in the department's loan programme, whenever Islamic objects are involved, and to create catalogue entries.
- . To inspect relevant galleries on a daily basis, and to report or deal with any problems.
- . To contribute to the Public Programme - events, lectures, workshops, handling sessions etc.
- . To deal with public and scholarly enquiries in relation to Islamic archaeology, Islamic and Modern Middle East art and history.
- . To assist in the creation and updating of records for the Museum's database.

Person Specification:

The successful candidate will have a BA in Islamic Studies with a Postgraduate degree (MA or PhD) or postgraduate research (leading to PhD) in some aspect of Islamic art, archaeology, history, Islamic or Middle East studies. You will have studied Arabic to degree level and will have the Ability to read Arabic. You will have excellent computer skills with some experience in researching artefacts and some evidence of publications.

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 6.5 million visitors in 2014, 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 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
- . Participate 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 visit the website for further information and details on how to apply.

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