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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Vacancy ref: HUM-07417

Salary:	£30,738 to £37,768 per annum
Hours:	Full time
Duration:	Fixed term (From 1 February 2016 until 31 January 2017)
Location:	Oxford Road
Responsible to:	Professor Peter Pormann

BACKGROUND

The University of Manchester

The University of Manchester is the largest single-site university in the UK. It has more than twenty academic schools and hundreds of specialist research groups undertaking pioneering multi-disciplinary teaching and research of world-wide significance.

ARABCOMMAPH: Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic *Aphorisms*

The Hippocratic *Aphorisms* have exerted a singular influence over generations of physicians both in the East and in the West. Galen (d. c. 216) produced an extensive commentary on this text, as did other medical authors writing in Greek, Latin, Arabic and Hebrew. The Arabic tradition is particularly rich, with more than a dozen commentaries extant in over a hundred manuscripts. The present project breaks new ground by conducting an in-depth study of this tradition through a highly innovative methodology: it approaches the available evidence as a corpus, to be consulted electronically, and to be analysed in an interdisciplinary way. Professor Peter E Pormann has obtained €1.5m from the European Research Council, and he will be the project head.

JOB DESCRIPTION

You will be part of a team comprising the principle investigator, Professor Peter E Pormann, two research associates, Dr Taro Mimura and Dr Kamran Karimullah, three PhD candidates and a part-time administrator, Miss Michelle Magin. You will be supervised by Professor Pormann.
This post arises out of the early departure of Dr Nicola Carpentieri, who is taking up a fellowship in Barcelona.

The post will be based in the main University campus (Samuel Alexander Building) although some research will require travel to libraries and conferences within the UK, as well as Europe and the Middle East.

Main responsibilities

- Transcription and collation of medieval Arabic manuscripts.
- Entering texts as SML into a database.
- Supporting the analysis of the texts in the database.
- Dissemination of findings via presentations and journal articles.
- Assisting in the organisation of conferences and workshops.

There will also be an opportunity to input into other grant proposals.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- Good command of classical Arabic.
- Doctorate on a topic related to the project.
- Previous research experience involving either medieval Arabic manuscripts or Graeco-Arabic studies.
- Able to transcribe medieval Arabic manuscripts from a wide variety of origins and scripts (eg *nasḫ, maġrībī, nasta'līq*).
- Familiarity with standard IT packages and willingness to work with Macs and Mellel.
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written).
- Ability to prioritise and manage own workload and work to deadlines.
- Ability to self-motivate and work independently.
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.
- Willingness to undertake further training.

Desirable

- Knowledge of classical Greek and/or Syriac.
- Previous experience in the area of the history of medicine.
- Previous experience in Greek philosophy and its reception in Arabic medical texts.
- Knowledge of the methods and techniques of corpus linguistics and/or translation studies.
- Familiarity with exegetical cultures in Arabic.
- Previous experience with travel in the Middle East.