The College proposes to appoint a postdoctoral research assistant in History in connection with an interdisciplinary project entitled ‘Changing Lives: childhood experience, cumulative risk, and supportive environments across the life course’. The post is full-time for one year starting from 1 September 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter. Candidates must hold or be close to completing a doctorate in history or a related discipline. The postholder will conduct specified archival research on children’s experiences, family relationships, and the impact of social welfare in mid-twentieth-century England.

The postdoctoral research assistant will be principally responsible for archival research. This will include identifying, collecting, and analysing children’s essays, case files, institutional and state records, and personal sources, as well as using published texts. Candidates should have experience of using archival sources to write about lived experience and subjectivity. Candidates must have a knowledge of social history, including the history of childhood, family, welfare, and inequalities, and they will be encouraged to develop future research projects and publications. Candidates should have an interest in interdisciplinary and collaborative research, including public engagement, quantitative evidence, and longitudinal methodologies.

The location of the job will be in Oxford, with frequent travel to archives in London and occasionally elsewhere in the UK.

The appointment will be made on grade 6 of University Salary Scale, currently £28,660-£37,345 p.a.

Application forms and further particulars, which include information on how to apply, are available at www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies/. The deadline for applications is UK time 12 noon on 31st July 2019.

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