

Research Assistant Creative Writing Together

Department:	Education
Grade/ Salary:	Grade 6
Contract Type:	Fixed Term 36 months (3 years) May 1 st 2026 to April 30 th 2029
Hours:	17.5 per week (.5)
Location:	New Cross, London

Goldsmiths

Goldsmiths, University of London is a world-leading centre of educational excellence where ground-breaking research meets innovative teaching and thinking. We're looking for inspiring and talented people to help build on our global reputation while also growing personally in a true learning organisation.

As a college we are working to tackle inequality in all its forms and are working to promote equality on grounds of race, disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, and caring responsibilities. We are keen to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds who share our commitment to creating an inclusive culture in which all students and staff can thrive.

Information for candidates with disabilities can be found on our [Disability & Individual needs](#) page. We are happy to supply information in alternative formats for disabled applicants. Please contact hr-recruitment@gold.ac.uk to make your request.



The Subject of Education

Education at [Goldsmiths, University of London](#) focuses on critical, multidisciplinary studies, emphasizing social justice, inclusion, and policy within diverse societies. Undergraduate, postgraduate, and teacher training (PGCE) programs cover topics like creative learning, institutional racism, and mental health, preparing students for careers in education, policy, and research.

Key Aspects of Education Studies at Goldsmiths:

Subject Focus: The curriculum spans early years, primary, and secondary education, with a strong focus on social, political, and economic factors shaping the education system.

Key Topics: Areas of study include social justice, gender in education, alternative schooling, and institutional racism.

Program Offerings:

BA Education: Explores educational theory and practice, with a focus on social justice, inclusion, and policy.

[PGCE \(Teacher Training\)](#): Offers primary and secondary training in subjects like Science, Art & Design, Modern Languages, and Design & Technology, with a focus on active, reflective teaching.

MA Programmes focus upon the Arts, Creative Writing, Social Justice and Children's Literature.

[Postgraduate Research](#): MPhil/PhD opportunities with a focus on innovative, socially impactful education research.

Job description

Reporting to: Dr Francis Gilbert

Summary:

The role represents an outstanding opportunity to contribute to cutting edge research about creative writing and its ability to help people therapeutically and socially. The successful candidate will assist with the delivery of community, intergenerational workshops, develop research pathways, cultural resources, and case study material for the project.

Main duties:

The role of Research Assistant involves a range of academic duties, including:

1. Collecting and organising research data
2. Reviewing the content of published research (literature review) on creative writing in relevant fields.
3. Undertaking administrative tasks related to events, publication or other academic activities
4. You will be required to undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required.
5. You will ensure that you are aware of and aligned with Goldsmiths' Regulations, Strategy, and Objectives to work together to proactively advance Equality and

Diversity. At all times to help maintain a safe working environment you will participate in training as necessary and following the Goldsmiths' Health and Safety Codes of Practice and Policy.

6. You will be expected to be able to work on campus in New Cross where required.
7. Person Specification Detailed below are the types of qualifications, experience, skills, and knowledge which are required of the post holder. Selection will be made upon evidence of best fit with these criteria.

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The Essential criteria sections show the minimum essential requirements for the post, therefore if you cannot demonstrate in your application, you meet the essential criteria categorised below, you will not be invited to interview.

The Desirable criteria sections show additional attributes which would enable the applicant to perform the role more effectively with little or no training.

The Category column indicates the method of assessment:

A = Application form

I = Interview

T = Test

C = Certificate

R = Reference

P = Presentation

	Category
Essential Criteria 1 - Qualifications	
First degree in associated discipline	A, I
Masters Degree	A, I
Doing a PhD in Creative Writing and/or Education, or related topics	A, I
Desirable Criteria 1 - Qualifications	
Completed a PhD in Creative Writing and/or Education, or related topics	A,C
Essential Criteria 2 - Experience	

Experience of data collection within a specific field of study or discipline	A, I
Experience of doing a literature review within a specific field of study or discipline	A, I
Desirable Criteria 2 - Experience	
Experience of working as part of a team on a research project at the university	A
Experience of working to high standards	
Essential Criteria 3 – Knowledge	
Knowledge of theoretical methods of analysis, including analysing creative writing	A, I
Ability to comprehend knowledge in disciplines outside of their existing expertise	A, I
Desirable Criteria 3 - Knowledge	
Subject specific knowledge of one or more of the subject areas	A, I
Essential Criteria 4 - Skills	
Knowledge of ways to conduct a literature review I, I, P Ability to take initiative and problem-solve A, I Ability to pay attention to detail A, I, P Ability to manage time A, I	A, I
Ability to communicate well verbally	A
Ability to take initiative and problem-solve	A, I
Ability to manage time	A
Ability to learn how to use AI and relevant software	A
Desirable Criteria 4 - Skills	
Experience of delivering papers or presentations	A
Ability to think strategically, to plan, and to fulfil goals	A
IT and software skills relevant to qualitative research	A
IT and software skills in social media and website design	A

Please also note that where qualifications are required, employment is conditional on the verification of them. Qualifications (must be original documents) will be checked on or before the first day of appointment.

March 2026

Summary of Benefits

If you choose to work with us, you'll become part of a learning organisation that is committed to professional and personal development, with comprehensive and innovative staff development and wellbeing programmes.

You'll also have access to frequent lunchtime and evening talks, seminars and performances, and annual performance and development reviews.

Our other benefits include:

- Competitive salary
- Working in Zone 2, with fantastic transport links and interest free travel to work loans
- Excellent annual leave entitlement plus additional closure days at Christmas and Easter
- Membership of USS or LPFA pension scheme, dependent upon grade
- Maternity, paternity, shared parental leave and adoption leave and pay
- Contractual sick pay provision
- Access to an Employee Assistance Programme, offering 24/7/365 confidential and free advice, support, and information service on a range of personal, family, or work-related matters.
- Free eye tests
- Cycle to work scheme
- Wellbeing initiatives including the Chaplaincy and Staff Choir
- On-site [dining facilities](#)
- Access to University of London facilities such as [Senate House Library](#)
- Membership of Staff Diversity Networks: (Dis)Ability, Goldsmiths Race Equality Group, LGBTQ+, Menopause, Parents and Carers, Women at Goldsmiths. (Staff are also encouraged to join networks as Allies should they wish to do so rather than as members)

Further information

For more information about Goldsmiths, please visit: www.gold.ac.uk/about

Thank you for your interest in working with us, we wish you all the best with your application.