



# Job Description

**Job Title:** Research Fellow - Fragments of the Roman Republican Antiquarians (*FRRAnt*)

**Department:** History

**Location:** Bloomsbury Campus, London

**Grade:** 7 (starting salary £35,965)

**Start date:** 01 November 2020

**Duration:** 36 months (in the first instance)

**The appointment:** 1.0 FTE

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**Reports to:**

Dr Valentina Arena

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**Context**

UCL History, which dates back to 1830, is consistently ranked as one of the best history departments in the world for quality of both its research and teaching. The department has around 40 permanent academic staff, who include specialists of respectively Ancient Middle East, Archaic; Classical, and Hellenistic Greece; and Republican and Imperial Rome. They are complemented by a team of Teaching Fellows, which comprises experts in Greek and Roman religions, and Graduate Teaching Assistants. All aspects of departmental activity are facilitated and supported by a professional services team of 7. Departmental life is enriched by a number of Research Fellows working on specific funded projects, such as The Nahrein Network on ancient Iraq and education and the Project Volterra on Roman laws. We also host early career researchers. In addition, we have very close links with the department of Greek and Latin, with which we collaborate on research projects, such as Varro and Antiquarianism, as well as teaching (including the shared degree of Ancient World Studies).

The department's undergraduate student numbers are around 600; with a sizable graduate student body of 100 taught graduate students and 60 research students.

Most undergraduates take a BA in History, and we also offer Ancient History, History with a European Language and History with a Year Abroad, and share the teaching of Ancient World Studies. Our taught masters degrees are MA in History, MA in European History, MA in Ancient History, MA in Late Antiquity and Byzantine Studies, MA in Transnational Studies, MA in Chinese Health and Humanity, MA in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and MA in Intellectual History and the History of Political Thought.

We are based in four fine mid-Victorian town houses. Please note that their design will pose difficulties for individuals whose mobility is impaired.

## **The Project**

*The Fragments of the Roman Republican Antiquarians (FRRAnt)* is an ERC-funded project, which will run from 1 November 2020 – 30 October 2025. The project's overall aim is to establish a new framework for the elaboration of knowledge and the establishment of the religious and institutional system, and its Greek philosophical underpinnings, in the Roman Republic. It will do so through the first systematic and comprehensive account of the Roman Republican antiquarians who, writing in prose, laid out a new way of ordering knowledge, and in the process, described the world for their contemporaries as well as for us. By drawing on a systematic analysis of this antiquarian material, the project will chart the dynamics of the intellectual, political, institutional, and religious spheres at the very moment of their creative mutual interdependence. Bringing historical, linguistic, legal, religious, and philosophical expertise to bear on a close philological investigation of the source texts, we will produce the first ever edition of all the surviving antiquarian fragments of the Republic, philologically rigorous and historically transformative. Supplying this edition with additional analytical insights in related volumes, *FRRAnt*'s ambition is to launch the study of these texts as a major new departure for the study of ancient world and of classical tradition from the Renaissance onwards.

## **Job description**

The successful candidate will work with the PI and the other team members to develop the critical edition of the *Fragments of the Roman Republican Antiquarians*. S/he will contribute to the identification, edition, translation (in English), and commentary of the complete evidence for antiquarian works of the Republican period, which has not survived in an independent manuscript tradition. S/he may also contribute to the introductory essay for some authors. In addition, the post-holder is expected to write at least one essay in the edited volumes resulting from the two project conferences.

His/her responsibilities will include, though not necessarily be confined to:

- Contributing to the compilation of the list of the most appropriate editions of ancient texts to be consulted;
- Reading systematically through the assigned texts to identify, edit, translate (in English), and comment on antiquarian works of the Republican period, and, where appropriate, contribute to the introductory essay of the authors;
- contributing research findings to the team's meetings and engaging in the analysis of data collected by other members of the *FRRAnt* team for comparative purposes;
- writing at least one single-authored essay in the project edited volumes;
- presenting emerging research findings with other team members at relevant conferences and events;
- leading on the organisation of one of the four project workshops/conferences;
- collaborating with the team in planning and organising collaborative events and outputs for the Project;
- contributing to the project's social media and online presence;
- contributing to project publications and reporting and to any other documentation formally required by funders.

# Person specification

<b>Qualifications</b>	
PhD in a related subject	E
<b>Experience and personal attributes</b>	
Proficiency in Ancient Greek and Latin	E
Knowledge of editorial techniques	E
good to excellent knowledge of the modern languages (in particular English, German, French, and Italian)	E
Ability to carry out textual research and critically analyse research	E
Familiarity with the historiography of the philological erudition of the classical world	D
Excellent communication skills demonstrating a high level of proficiency in English, written and verbal	E
Experience of developing and maintaining a lively and engaging academic presence online	D
Ability to produce research papers to a standard that is publishable by a quality academic journal or the equivalent	E
Excellent organisational skills	E
Excellent interpersonal skills	E
A clear understanding of the importance of public engagement and international knowledge exchange	D
Ability to work independently and to participate fully as a team member	E
Ability to establish and maintain good working relations with staff, students, academic peers and interested members of the public	E
Ability to communicate with both specialist and non-specialist audiences	D
Ability to plan and organise events	E

# Apply

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## Application Procedure

Applications for the position should be made online at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs/> and click on the 'Current employment opportunities at UCL' link.

You are required to upload the following (i-iii) documents as **two** attachments.

Attachment 1 - i). a letter of application specifying how you meet the criteria set out above (maximum length 2 pages);

Attachment 2 - ii). a summary of your research to date and its intellectual significance (no more than two pages); **iii**). a statement of the research interests in relation to the post (no more than two pages)

Shortlisting for this post will consist of two stages: a long list of candidates will be asked to complete an assessment to establish proficiencies in some of the stated 'essential' criteria. A short list of candidates will be invited to attend for (remote) interview.

In addition, please arrange for **two academic referees** to write confidentially to the recruitment panel, c/o Claire Morley, Department of History, [claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk)

Informal enquiries may be made to Dr Arena c/o [claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk)

Interviews will be held remotely.

Any questions relating to either the post or the applications process should be addressed to Claire Morley  
email: [claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:claire.morley@ucl.ac.uk)

