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THE *BEYOND 2022* RESEARCH PROJECT

1922 Salved Records

Post title: Project Conservator for the 1922 Salved Records

Job Posted: 7th September 2020

Deadline: 18th September 2020, 5pm local time.

Contract Type: Specific Purpose Research Contract (Fixed Term, Whole or Part-Time)

Post Duration: 6 months (*pro rata*) from 19th October 2020

Academic Unit: The Department of History, School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin.

Salary Contribution: €18,937 for six months (*pro rata* IUA Salary Scale: Level 2, Point 1: €37,874 p.a.) ¹

Position Summary

The *Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury* Research Project is an all-island and international collaboration funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, under the Project Ireland 2040 framework.

Based in Trinity College Dublin, *Beyond 2022* seeks to re-imagine and re-create through virtual reality the Public Record Office of Ireland building, and its archival

¹ The successful applicant will be employed by Trinity College Dublin and remuneration will be made in Euro. The project will provide expenses by reimbursement for agreed project-related travel including research, collaboration and dissemination activities.

collections, which were destroyed in the opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. The resource created by the Project will be an open-access virtual archive.

Through collaboration with its core partners (National Archives of Ireland, The National Archives (UK), Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Irish Manuscripts Commission and Trinity College Dublin Library), Beyond 2022 seeks to locate and identify archival materials relevant to the project's ambition to reconstruct, to the greatest extent possible, the collections destroyed in 1922.

Beyond 2022 is seeking an exceptional project conservator to work on the 1922 Salved Records. The project conservator will be embedded in the National Archives of Ireland.

Working under the overall supervision of the Beyond 2022 Programme Director Dr Peter Crooks, the successful candidate will be based at the Conservation Lab in National Archives working under direction of Zoë Reid (Senior Conservator, National Archives of Ireland). The preservation work will run in parallel with a Listing Archivist also based at NAI. It is expected that the successful candidate will support research and engagement within the Beyond 2022 Team and its core partners.

Overview of the role

The Salved Record Collection comprises those records which survived the explosion and fire in the Record Treasury of the Public Record Office of Ireland on 30 June 1922. They are, therefore, exceptionally important remnants of Ireland's destroyed national archival collection.

During Phase I of this project in 2017–18, the National Archives of Ireland, funded by the Irish Manuscripts Commission, classified 221 bundles of salved materials into 379 items, ranging from Grade 1 (good condition, stable items) to Grade 5 (very poor condition, items charred and disintegrated). All items were photographed as they were assessed. The 29 items classified as Grade 1 were conserved and stabilized in Phase I.

The post advertised relates to Phase II of this project, which will encompass further conservation work on salvaged materials, as well as creating an archival listing of those materials with a view to publication of the resulting list in print and online.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

As project conservator you will follow the lead of the senior conservator to establish priorities, treatments and methodologies and you will carry out the following tasks:

- Using a variety of conservation methods surface clean approximately 9,000 individual sheets of paper and parchment records which are in various sizes and formats;
- Apply minimal conservation techniques to ensure safe manipulation and handling;
- Apply minimal conservation repair techniques to enable safe handling and/or digitisation;
- Housing and reformatting of archival material to ensure long term safe storage.

Selection Criteria

Required Skills	
Essential	A graduate from a recognised conservation programme with a demonstrable expertise in book, paper or archive conservation or appropriate equivalent work experience
Essential	Experience of working with a range of archival materials, including a wide variety of paper types and parchment
Essential	Knowledge of current conservation practice and ethical standards
Essential	Demonstrable skills in solving problems and making decisions of professional judgement
Essential	Ability to work effectively both independently and within a team to deliver outcomes to an agreed standard and timetable

Essential	Excellent verbal and written communication skills
Essential	Proficiency with IT systems including MS office products
Desirable	Experience of project work
Desirable	Experience of preparing collections for digitisation
Desirable	Experience of condition assessment

Personal Effectiveness	
Essential	Ability to manage own research and associated activities to meet multiple, competing deadlines
Essential	Experience of working constructively within a team to achieve a common goal
Essential	Strong organisational skills and ability to plan and prioritise work while under pressure in order to meet strict deadlines and targets
Essential	Flexibility and the ability to adapt to an evolving programme
Desirable	Evidence of experience liaising with internal and external stakeholders
Technical Skills	
Essential	Proficiency with IT systems including MS office products including MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint.

For informal enquiries on the post, candidates should contact:

Name: Dr Peter Crooks

Title: *Beyond 2022* Programme Director

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To Apply:

To apply for this post, please send the following materials to Dr Ciarán Wallace, Deputy Director, Beyond 2022 Project (cwallace@tcd.ie) before the deadline:

- Cover letter (1 page)
- Full CV including the names of two referees who may be contacted if you are shortlisted.

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Further Particulars:

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present for interview to be facilitated via Zoom. It is envisaged that interviews will take place in week commencing **28th September 2020.**