

## Job Description

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| <b>Job title:</b>                 | <b>Research Assistant/Researcher</b>  |
| <b>Contract:</b>                  | <b>Permanent, full time but open to discussions about flexible and/or part-time contracts</b> |
| <b>Deadline for applications:</b> | <b>Friday 7 February 2020</b>   |
| <b>Salary:</b>                    | <b>Competitive</b>  |

With sixty years' experience in the restoration and remodelling of listed buildings, Donald Insall Associates is uniquely placed to provide strategic advice on change and development within the historic environment. Since 2000, the practice has offered a dedicated Historic Buildings Consultancy service to support clients embarking on heritage projects at all scales, from urban masterplans to individual houses. The 15-strong team comprises architects, designers, architectural historians and former conservation officers and Historic England inspectors who work alongside a client's chosen architect to analyse what is special about a building or place, guide alterations, and support clients through the planning process. The team's overarching aim is to use their understanding of the past to revitalise historic buildings and, where appropriate, to guide new interventions. The historic environment is seen not as unchanging, but as an ever-evolving part of our identity, an inspiration for new design and a catalyst for regeneration.

We have an exciting opportunity in our Oxford office which opened in 2017 and is growing! Working within a small team this role will enable us to develop our services in and around the Oxford area, more widely in the South of England and also supporting our colleagues in London as the need arises.

We welcome applications from candidates who have the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- A completed degree or higher degree in architectural history, buildings archaeology, building conservation or a related discipline. A degree in history, art history or similar should be supported by a demonstrable interest in/knowledge of architectural history or building conservation.
- Demonstrable passion for the historic environment, and the ability to communicate this to both experts and non-experts in an inspiring and accessible manner;
- A sound knowledge and understanding of all periods of architectural history and a good knowledge of British history generally;
- The ability to confidently draw together information gained from site visits and archival sources into succinct and accurate text which is a delight to read;
- High levels of self-sufficiency, motivation and adaptability and the ability to meet tight deadlines and to work effectively as part of a team;
- Familiarity with the roles of various stakeholders in the heritage sector, such as local authorities, Historic England, and national and local amenity groups;
- Familiarity with the English planning system and the National Planning Policy Framework.

### Applications

Please email a CV and covering letter to Erica Bompfrey, [erica.bompfrey@insall-architects.co.uk](mailto:erica.bompfrey@insall-architects.co.uk) stating your notice period and salary expectations. Should you be selected for interview you will be requested to bring samples of your written or project work to the interview. The deadline for applications is Friday 7 February 2020.

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