



UNIVERSITY OF  
ABERDEEN

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# Lecturer in Modern/Contemporary Art History

## *School of Divinity, History and Philosophy*

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**Closing date:** 30 April 2021

**Interview date:** TBC

**Reference number:** DHP097A



## INTRODUCTION

The University of Aberdeen wishes to appoint a Lecturer in Modern and/or Contemporary Art History (1 FTE, open-ended) from 1 July 2021. Applicants should have a research and teaching focus on any area of modern and/or contemporary art. We are particularly interested to hear from candidates specialising in the history of photography and lens-based media. The successful candidate will contribute to the Art History department's research profile through publications, projects and grant income generation. They will contribute to teaching across the undergraduate art history programme and develop specialist honours courses focusing on their field of expertise, with strong encouragement to work with University, civic and regional collections. The appointee will supervise PhDs and work with colleagues to develop postgraduate offerings. The appointment will be made at lecturer level with expectation that applicants will have an academic publishing profile of demonstrable excellence.

The Art History Department at Aberdeen operates with a strong interdisciplinary outlook. Its active researchers are furthering specialist knowledge and understanding in a range of areas including late medieval art and visual culture, early modern prints, European 19th-century art, art theory and historiography, and exhibition history. Our undergraduate programme provides students with an extensive knowledge of the history of art from the Middle Ages to the present day, covering a wide range of media and techniques. The curriculum aims to situate European art in its global connectedness and its full complexities. We offer a four-year undergraduate programme leading to an Honours degree in Art History, together with a wide range of joint degree options. The University's prestigious art collection, as well as Aberdeen's internationally-renowned galleries and museums form a significant part of our degree programmes, as part of vocational training.

The School offers a wide range of undergraduate courses leading to an MA (without honours) after three years or, more usually, a single or joint honours MA after four years. The School houses the largest body of postgraduate students within the University.

## JOB DESCRIPTION

### *Main purpose of the role:*

The main purpose of this role is to fulfil teaching and supervision requirements of the Art History department at Aberdeen and to contribute to the research excellence of both the department and the School of History, Divinity and Philosophy. An important part of this post will be in the continuing development and delivery of the Art History programmes. The successful candidate will be expected to have a demonstrable ability to teach modern and/or contemporary art, to contribute broadly to the undergraduate teaching programme in Art History and to support and supervise the work of postgraduate students.

### *Key Responsibilities:*

- Development and delivery of art history courses in their field of specialism
- Course design, coordination and teaching at all undergraduate levels in Art History
- Lectures and tutorials at sub-honours level
- Assessment of coursework
- Supervision of the work of postgraduate students
- Contribution to the research excellence of the School and delivery of personal research of a level and quality to enhance the Research Exercise Framework submission
- General academic administration

### **AT A GLANCE:**

#### **SALARY:**

£41,526 - £49,552 per annum

#### **HOURS OF WORK:**

Full Time

#### **CONTRACT TYPE:**

Substantive

#### **LOCATION:**

Aberdeen



## CANDIDATE BACKGROUND

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Applicants should have a proven research record of demonstrable excellence in the discipline of Art History, and an ability to teach across that discipline.

Applicants should have a PhD in a relevant field, have experience of teaching in higher education, and possess excellent oral and written communication skills.

## TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

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Salary will be at the appropriate point on the Grade 7 salary scale (£41,526 - £49,552 per annum) and negotiable with placement according to qualifications and experience.

Any appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and a 3-year probation period.

This role is based in the UK and as such the successful candidate will be required to live and work in the UK.

Should you require a visa to undertake employment in the UK you will be required to fulfil the minimum points criteria to be granted a Certificate of Sponsorship under the requirements of the Skilled Worker visa. At the time an offer of appointment is made, you will be asked to demonstrate that you fulfil the criteria in respect of qualification and competency in English. For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. Please do not hesitate to contact Heather Clark, HR Adviser (e-mail: [h.m.clark@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:h.m.clark@abdn.ac.uk)) for further information.



## PERSON SPECIFICATION

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
<b>Education/Qualifications</b> Academic, technical and professional education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD in Art History</li> </ul>	
<b>Work and Other relevant experience (including training)</b> e.g. Specialist knowledge, levels of experience, supervisory experience, research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching experience in higher education</li> <li>• Demonstrable ability to teach art history in their field of specialism to honours level</li> <li>• Ability to teach on a broad range of courses in Art History</li> <li>• Ability to provide postgraduate supervision to students both on campus and at a distance</li> <li>• Track record of research excellence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional recognition by Advance HE (formerly HEA), or other recognised teaching qualification</li> <li>• Postgraduate teaching and course design experience</li> <li>• Experience of working with museum and gallery collections</li> </ul>
<b>Personal qualities and abilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent oral and written communication skills</li> <li>• Ability to work independently and as part of a team</li> <li>• Ability to relate well to colleagues, build rapport with students and impart enthusiasm for the subject</li> <li>• Excellent IT skills</li> <li>• Willingness and ability to undertake administrative duties</li> <li>• Willingness to travel in accordance with the departmental fieldwork programme</li> <li>• Willingness to participate in occasional departmental/university events</li> </ul>	

# UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

*Open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of  
truth in the service of others*

Aberdeen is a broad based, research intensive University, which puts students at the centre of everything it does. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas, Aberdeen has also been credited for its international reach and its commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies. The University has over 16,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 130 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation, and we nurture ambition with many opportunities for professional and personal development in an inclusive learning environment which challenges and inspires.

## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY OF THE  
YEAR (TIMES & SUNDAY TIMES)

70TH IN THE WORLD FOR  
RESEARCH CITATIONS (THE)

32ND IN THE WORLD FOR  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS (THE)

28TH MOST INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD  
(THE)

15TH EQUAL IN THE UK FOR  
OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION  
(NSS)

11TH BEST STUDENT INTAKE IN  
THE UK (TIMES & SUNDAY TIMES)

PERCENTAGE OF SCOTTISH  
INTAKE FROM MOST DEPRIVED  
AREAS UP FROM 4.5% IN  
2018/19 TO 9% IN 2019/20

## CURRENT CONTEXT

The University will build on the significant achievements above in 2020 and beyond. Underpinning our high performance and significant growth is a £100m investment in Aberdeen's estate which will include the completion of a new Science Teaching Hub, the regeneration of the historic King's Quarter, and a new Business School building. The University has also invested in 50 new academic posts, and 2020 will see the launch of 5 Interdisciplinary, cross-institution Research Centres that will catalyse world-leading research in our areas of research strength. The 5 Interdisciplinary Challenges are: Energy Transition; Social Inclusion and Cultural Diversity; Environment and Biodiversity; Data and Artificial Intelligence; and Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing.

The University of Aberdeen is a recent recipient of The Queen's Anniversary Prize, awarded to recognise world-class excellence in innovation and practical benefit to people and society. The University was given this award for health service research leading to improvements in academic and clinical practice and delivery of health care.

## INTERNATIONAL

Aberdeen is also increasing its international presence, positioning the University as a global organisation, and building on its established partnership in Qatar with new partnerships in Sri Lanka, with the International Institute of Health Sciences, and in China, with Shanghai University and SCNU.

The University of Aberdeen is proud to be the first UK University to operate on a dedicated campus in Qatar. Phase 1 of this partnership with AFG College has successfully recruited over 600 students. Phase 2 will see the creation of a substantially larger campus, with capacity for at least 5,000 students and research activity. For further information on our Qatar campus, visit <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar/>.



## ABERDEEN 2040

On Founders' day in 2020, our 525th anniversary as a University, we launched our new strategy 'Aberdeen 2040'. Over the next 20 years, four strategic themes will shape our learning, discovery and strategic actions:

**INCLUSIVE:** We welcome students, staff and partners from all backgrounds, organisations and communities. We value diversity.

**INTERNATIONAL:** We connect with others and extend our networks and partnerships around the world. We think across borders.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY:** We innovate in education and research by generating, sharing and applying new kinds of knowledge. We learn together.

**SUSTAINABLE:** We understand and nurture our environment, and take care of our resources, including our people and our finances. We work responsibly.

### OUR EDUCATION

Recognised as the Scottish University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019, we remain true to our roots as an ancient Scottish university, combining breadth and depth in our degree programmes and drawing strength from the quality of our research. Our flexible curriculum encourages students to grow as independent learners and therefore to thrive as graduates in the diverse workplaces of the future and become change-makers across the globe. Our education is open to all and we are setting ambitious targets to further widen access.

### OUR RESEARCH

Researchers at the University of Aberdeen have been at the forefront of innovation and excellence throughout the centuries, generating insights in medicine, science, engineering, law, social sciences, arts and humanities. This research has contributed to five Nobel prizes as well as other awards such as the Queen's Anniversary prize. Our research is intellectually rigorous, working within our established areas of excellence as well as new methods of enquiry. We will continue to generate new knowledge addressing economic and societal issues with ambition and imagination, ensuring that it is globally excellent and locally relevant.



## ABERDEEN AND ABERDEENSHIRE

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With a population of approximately 230,000, the city stands between the Rivers Dee and Don. This historic city has many architectural splendours and the use of its sparkling local granite has earned Aberdeen the name of the Silver City. Recognised as the energy capital of Europe, Aberdeen nevertheless retains its old-fashioned charm and character making it an attractive place in which to live.

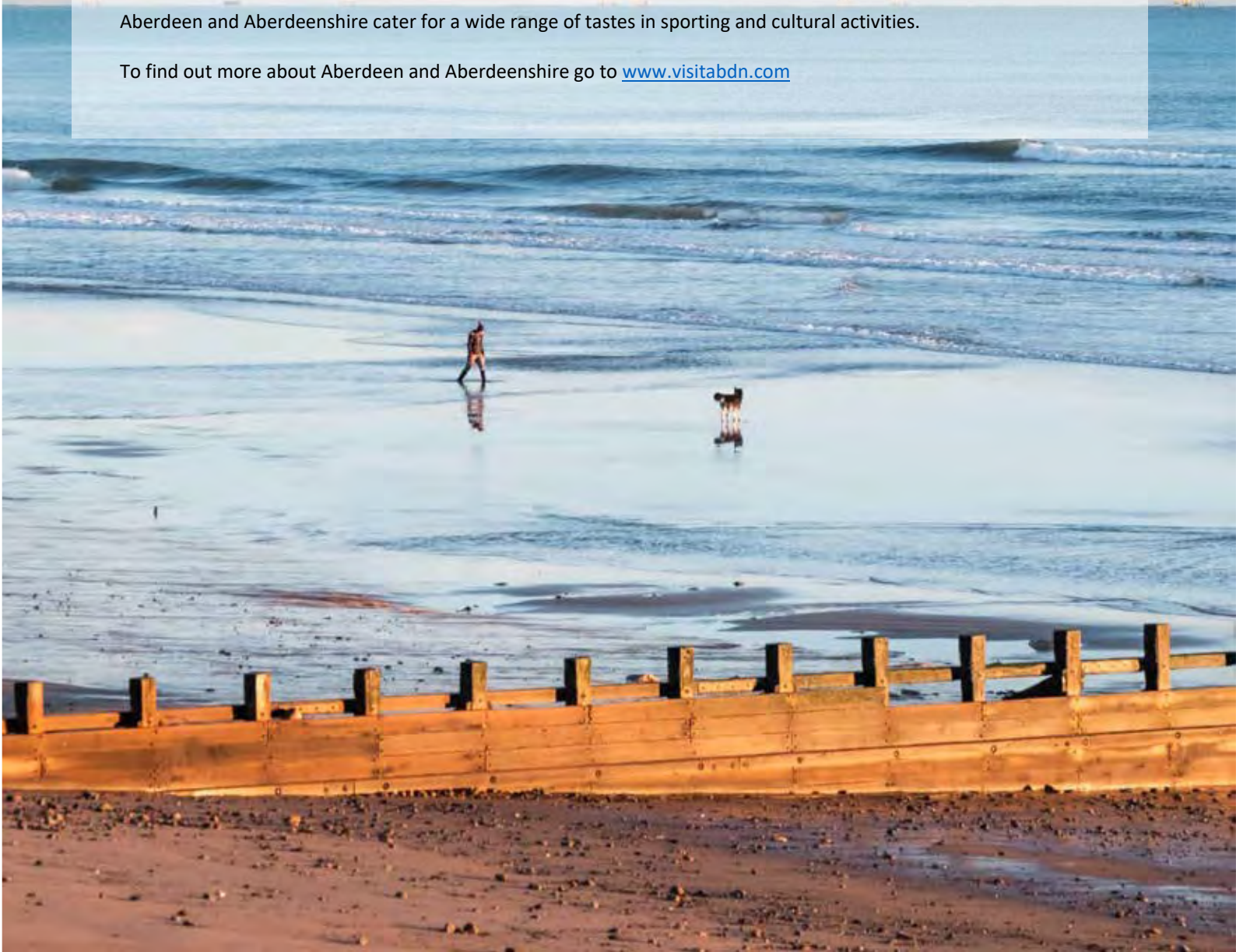
Aberdeen enjoys excellent communication services with other European cities - e.g. flying time to London is just over one hour with regular daily flights. There are direct air links to London (City, Heathrow, and Luton), Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Southampton, Belfast and East Midlands within the U.K. There are also flights to international hub airports: Amsterdam (Schiphol), and Paris (Charles De-Gaulle) as well as flights to other European destinations. <http://www.aberdeenairport.com> Road and rail links are also well developed.

The Grampian Region which took its name from the Grampian Mountains has a population of approximately 545,000. It is made up of five districts – Aberdeen, Banff & Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside and Moray. The city and the surrounding countryside provide a variety of urban, sea-side and country pursuits. Aberdeen has first class amenities including His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall, Art Gallery, the P&J Arena, Museums, and Beach Leisure centre. Within a short time, beach pursuits, equine activities, salmon, trout and sea fishing, hill-walking, mountaineering, golf, sailing, surfing and windsurfing can be reached. The city and the surrounding countryside are repeatedly given high ratings for quality of life in surveys.

Aberdeenshire is one of Scotland's most appealing regions. Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park are within easy access of the city, and there are a variety of towns and villages scattered along the coastline.

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire cater for a wide range of tastes in sporting and cultural activities.

To find out more about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire go to [www.visitabdn.com](http://www.visitabdn.com)



## EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

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The University values a diverse working environment and recognises the benefits this can bring. The University is keen to receive applications from individuals from across all of the equality protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation).

The University supports opportunities for flexible working for a range of reasons and has policies in place to facilitate this. The policies can be found here: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/flexible-working--5607.php>

The University's commitment to gender equality has been recognised through the achievement of an Athena SWAN Bronze award at institutional level and across all its subject areas. The University is also a Stonewall Diversity Champion to further LGBT+ equality.

The University is signed up to Advance HE's Race Equality Charter, affirming the University's commitment to the charter's aim of improving the representation, progression and success of minority ethnic staff and students within higher education.

Candidates who are British Sign Language (BSL) user can contact us directly by using [contact SCOTLAND-BSL](#)

The University is delighted to be accredited as a [Disability Confident](#) employer and strives to ensure that disabled staff and students have the opportunity to work and study in an inclusive, accessible and supportive environment.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/governance/equality-and-diversity-277.php>

## HOW TO APPLY

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Applications should include a curriculum vitae and personal statement of no more than two sides of A4, outlining your reasons for making an application.

Online application forms are available at [www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs)

The closing date for receipt of applications is 30 April 2021

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact:

Dr Joanne Anderson  
[joanne.anderson@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.anderson@abdn.ac.uk)

Please do not send application forms or CVs to Dr Anderson

**Please quote reference number DHP097A on all correspondence**