



The
 Fitzwilliam
 Museum
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Exhibitions Project Manager (Part time)

Salary: Grade 6

£33,951 - £39,906

Contract:

0.5 FTE Jan – August 2026

Location:

Cambridge

Faculty / Department:

Fitzwilliam Museum

Responsible to:

Head of Exhibitions and Major Display Projects

Working Pattern:

0.5 FTE (specific days tbc)

Purpose of the role

The Exhibitions Project Manager is responsible for managing allocated exhibitions and display projects from creative inception through to delivery, across departmental teams and external contributors to an agreed scope and following museum approval stages and reporting procedures.

The Exhibitions Project Manager will be assigned to the re-display of the Museum's Italian gallery, part of an AHRC-funded project *Italian Renaissance Objects and Spaces of Encounter* (ItalianROSE). They will act on initiative and most often independently to identify key issues and drive through activities to a successful and timely conclusion.

They will ensure these outputs match the Museum's aspirations and are delivered collaboratively and with rigour, paying close attention to scope, quality, programme and budget.

The Exhibitions and Displays team manage a diverse programme of temporary and touring exhibitions and displays or interventions in the collections galleries. The Exhibitions Project Manager works as part of this team and is responsible for delivery of the re-display by ensuring effective cross-museum team working, co-ordinating and securing the contributions of others.



Main duties and responsibilities

	Project manage the successful implementation of gallery re-display projects, namely a redisplay of the Italian gallery. Lead and manage the exhibition's Project Team and wider Project Board, scheduling and recording meetings, ensuring actions are identified and followed up.
1	Ensure all internal deliverables are understood and adhered to by the team across the life of the exhibition. Effectively communicate with Museum stakeholders, securing and influencing their support and contributions; identify and resolve problems; ensure the wider Museum is kept informed and consulted as appropriate. Collaborate in all phases of the process for the re-display, from concept to implementation
2	Liaise with the internal project and team members of the AHRC-funded project Italian Renaissance Objects and Spaces of Encounter (ItalianROSE), and particularly the Principal Investigator, Professor Mary Laven, and the project's Postdoctoral Research Associate, Dr Matteo Chirumbolo.'
3	Proactively identify, programme and manage all relevant project processes in line with the brief, programme and RIBA design stages. Develop, monitor and manage the exhibition programme and critical path. Maintain risk registers and manage and report on exhibition budgets.
4	Work closely with the exhibition curator(s), to develop the object list and confirm loans, guiding the development of the exhibition interpretation and ensuring they understand their roles and follow the process for development, consultation and approvals. Set the timelines and outputs they need to be delivering to, clearly and for the full scope and lifecycle of the project.
5	Proactively manage and coordinate all practical arrangements for the re-display with the Italian Rose team and Museum project team, including where appropriate conservation, photography, display preparation, design liaison, contract and agreement preparation, loan negotiations, condition checking, packing, transport, indemnity & insurance, couriers and installation/de-installation.
6	Help coordinate and deliver a one-day workshop with museum practitioners in summer 2026 to discuss the project upon completion.
7	Coordinate the evaluation of the re-display, including gathering visitor feedback, contributing to internal assessments and producing an evaluation report which will be submitted for review and maybe used as part of a REF Impact Case-Study.
8	Coordinate development of the re-display scope and Design Brief. Manage procurement of the design and professional team. Work closely with designers, ensuring input and approval from all stakeholders at appropriate stages. Plan, procure and oversee on-site construction, installation and dismantling of exhibitions, including supervision of contractors ensuring H&S and operating compliance. Coordinating input from the ItalianRose team and Museum colleagues including the Registrar, Collections Care Managers, Conservation, FM and Security teams, Visitor Experience, Learning and Participation, Development and Events, Photographers, Comms and Marketing.

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
Degree level education or equivalent experience.	✓	
Recognised Project Management qualification.		✓
Skills		
Excellent interpersonal and consultative skills, with ability to manage project teams which include academic research, curatorial, digital, interpretation, audience experience, income generation, communication and design.	✓	
Ability to build and maintain strong working relationships with a diverse range of people, both within the organisation and externally.	✓	
Ability to effectively manage multiple projects at different stages of development and scale, simultaneously. Adept at prioritising workload, managing complex issues to resolution, reacting positively and proactively to change.	✓	
Knowledge of the RIBA design stages, and in particular how these apply to museum deliverables.	✓	
A strong visual sense and an ability to understand design drawings.	✓	
Skilled in Excel, Powerpoint; ability to work in a 'paperless' environment; disciplined in record taking, managing large amounts of information, creating and maintaining accessible filing and archiving.	✓	
Experience		
Track record of project managing temporary exhibitions in the arts and cultural sector.	✓	
Experience of leading cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional project teams, with significant knowledge and understanding of curatorial practice, collections management and care, including administering loans-in to temporary exhibitions.	✓	
Proven track record of managing complex budgets successfully with an ability to forecast and report accurately, delivering high impact value for money.	✓	
Demonstrable aptitude for design management and experience of working with designers and curators.	✓	
Experience of managing compliant procurement and tender processes and contractor appointments, to achieve the desired outcome and value for the project, including drafting and issuing contracts.	✓	
Additional requirements		
Occasional out of hours working, and potential for travel. Generally it is expected that exhibitions will be delivered within contracted museum operating hours unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed in advance.	✓	

The Fitzwilliam Museum Working Together Agreement

Communication and Openness



We communicate with focus and purpose in a range of ways

We are open and transparent about our work

We are open to change and growth

We give and receive feedback with generosity

Kindness and Support



We celebrate and value diversity

We are friendly, considerate and kind to each other, in person and in writing

We go out of our way to help each other

People are our priority, and we look after each other

Collaboration



We spend time together face-to-face to build strong relationships

We respect and trust each other's diverse experience and expertise and make space for collaboration

We are interested in listening and learning from each other

Accountability and Responsibility



We strive to be great at what we do

We set clear work boundaries, negotiate constructively and are accountable for our work and behaviour

We consider the impact of our actions and decisions

A pair of dancers, India, Sharapur or Hyderabad, late 18th century. Two Young Men by Copley van den Bruck, circa. 1590.
Boat, Egypt, 1991-1802 BC. Colossal in the form of a Woman, Unknown Staffordshire Factory, early 19th century

The Fitzwilliam Museum



The Fitzwilliam Museum was founded in 1816 and opened to the public in 1848. Today, it houses over half a million artworks and objects, spanning over ten thousand years, principally from Europe, North Africa and Asia. The Museum has an international reputation for excellence in research, exhibitions, learning and public engagement. As well as being the principal museum of the University of Cambridge, the Fitzwilliam is one of the largest cultural providers in the region, welcoming over 500,000 visitors per year. It is also the lead partner of the University of Cambridge Museums (UCM), the Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation consortium of the University Museums and the Botanic Garden.

About Temporary Exhibitions

Temporary exhibitions are where the Museum meets its audiences directly. They are integral to how the Fitzwilliam delivers on its mission and are a core output of its research activities, often involving collaboration with researchers from the wider University and beyond. The ambitious and innovative programme of exhibitions and displays are designed to transform and enhance the visitors' experience and engagement with the collections. They will be developed as a precursor, and incubator for ideas, leading to the Masterplan.

Terms of Appointment

Tenure and probation

Appointment will be made on a fixed term basis.

Appointments will be subject to satisfactory completion of a 3 month probationary period.

Hours of Work and Working Pattern

The hours of work for the position are 18.25 hours per week, working Monday – Friday.

Pension

You will automatically be enrolled to become a member of CPS (Contributory Pension Scheme) – a defined benefit and defined contribution pension scheme. For further information please visit: www.pensions.admin.cam.ac.uk/.

Annual leave

Full time employees are entitled to annual paid leave of 36 days inclusive of public holidays. For part-time employees, annual leave will be pro rata'd based on days worked.

General information

Right to work in the UK

We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the right to work in the UK before you can start working for us.

If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon you gaining it.

Health declaration Once an offer of employment has been made the successful candidate will be required to complete a work health declaration form.

References - offers of appointment will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.

Screening Checks:

This role requires a basic disclosure. Any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon the satisfactory completion of this/these check(s); whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University.

Information if you have a disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. We will make adjustments to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability wherever it is reasonable to do so and, if successful, to assist them during their employment. Information for disabled applicants is available at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/disabled/>

We encourage you to declare any disability that you may have, and any reasonable adjustments that you may require, in the section provided for this purpose in the application form. This will enable us to accommodate your needs throughout the process as required. However, applicants and employees may declare a disability at any time.

The University

The University of Cambridge is one of the world's oldest and most successful universities. We are a renowned centre for research, education, and scholarship that makes a significant contribution to society. The University is consistently ranked amongst the top universities in the world. Our affiliates have won more Nobel Prizes than any other University.

Our sustained pursuit of academic excellence is built on a long history of world-leading teaching and research within a distinctive collegiate system. For eight centuries our ideas and innovations have shaped the world. Our principal goal is to remain one of the world's leading universities in an increasingly competitive global higher education sector. Today the University of Cambridge is at the centre of a cluster of over 4,300 businesses employing 58,000 people.

Our capital investment projects include academic and commercial growth at both the West Cambridge Innovation District, and the Biomedical Campus in the south of the city. Eddington, in North West Cambridge, is a mixed-use development including key worker housing for staff, a community centre and a new primary school, managed by the University. Through these projects, the University is deeply embedded in, and committed to serving, our local community. These are all conspicuous signs of a University that is not only adapting to new needs, but also anticipating the future.

Our mission is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning, and research at the highest international levels of excellence. Our core values are:

- freedom of thought and expression; and
- freedom from discrimination.



About Us

The University is one of the world's leading academic centres. It comprises 150 faculties and departments, together with a central administration and other institutions. Our institutions, museums and collections are a world-class resource for researchers, students and members of the public representing one of the country's highest concentrations of internationally important collections.

The University has an annual income of £2 billion. Research income, won competitively from the UK Research Councils, the European Union (EU), major charities and industry, exceeds £500 million per annum and continues to grow.

The Colleges and the University remain committed to admitting the best students regardless of their background and to investing considerable resources both in widening access and financial support. The 31 Colleges are self-governing, separate legal entities which appoint their own staff. Many academic staff are invited to join a College as a Teaching Fellow, which provides a further social and intellectual dimension. The Colleges admit undergraduate students, provide student accommodation and pastoral support and deliver small group teaching for undergraduates.

The University awards degrees and its faculties and departments provide lectures and seminars for students and determine the syllabi for teaching.

Our instinct for seeking out excellence and setting up enduring and mutually beneficial collaborations has led us to establish strategic partnerships across the globe. Whether it is the successful Cambridge-Africa Programme involving universities in Ghana, Uganda and elsewhere on the African continent; or the close association with the government of India to pursue new research in crop science; or the creation, with Germany's Max Planck Institutes, of a Cambridge-based centre for the study of ethics, human economy and social change – international partnerships are now an inextricable part of the University's make-up.

“Cambridge graduates and researchers have made – and continue to make – a colossal contribution to human knowledge and the understanding of the world around us. Their work touches on the lives and livelihoods of everyone from patients diagnosed with life-threatening diseases, to residents of areas critically affected by climate change, to children growing up in conflict zones. It has a lasting impact on our society, our economy and our culture: the world is truly a better place thanks to their efforts.”

Stephen Toope, Vice Chancellor 2019



Working at the University

Working at Cambridge you will join a diverse, talented and innovative community, with more than 23,000 students and over 16,000 staff from all walks of life and corners of the world.

The University continually explores strategies to attract and retain the best people. It is committed to supporting its staff to achieve their best. We are a fair, diverse and inclusive society and we believe our staff are our greatest asset. There is strong commitment to developing institutional leadership and supporting and encouraging staff development at all levels.

We offer a variety of roles including academic, research, professional, managerial and support roles. We also offer extensive benefits and excellent learning opportunities within a stimulating working environment.

The University's estate is undergoing the most significant transformation in its history. Cambridge has been able to create a science and technology campus to the west of the city centre, and is expanding further to the north west of Cambridge including investing in affordable homes for University key workers and community facilities. Even with our continued development, the University remains within walking or cycling distance across the campus. The University is a major partner on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and we continue to redevelop our historic city centre sites demonstrating our determination to ensure that we can offer the best facilities and opportunities for our staff and students.



Equality & diversity

The University has built its excellence on the diversity of its staff and student community. We aim to be a leader in fostering equality and inclusion, and in promoting respect and a sense of belonging for all. We encourage applications from all sections of society. All appointments are made on the basis of merit. We have an Equal Opportunities Policy, along with a range of diversity groups, including the Women's Staff Network, Race Equality Network and LGBT+ Staff Network. More details are available here:

<http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

The University has a bronze Race Equality Charter award, with a framework for improving the representation, progression and success of minority ethnic staff and students within higher education. Furthermore, the University's silver Athena swan award recognises and celebrates good practice in recruiting, retaining and promoting gender equality.

What Cambridge can offer

We offer a comprehensive reward package to attract, motivate and retain high performing staff at all levels and in all areas of work.

The University offers a wide range of competitive benefits, from family leave entitlement, to shopping and travel discount schemes. Our generous annual leave package contributes to the positive wellbeing of our University employees. Sabbatical leave enables academics to focus on research and scholarship, whilst still maintaining their full salary. The University also has a [career break scheme](#) for academic and academic-related staff, with additional flexible working policies for all other staff.



Pay and benefits

The University salary structure includes automatic service-related pay progression in many of its grades and an annual cost of living increase. In addition to this, employees are rewarded for outstanding contribution through a number of regular pay progression schemes. The University offers attractive pensions schemes for employees, with an additional benefit of a salary exchange arrangement providing tax and national insurance savings.

CAMbens employee benefits

The University offers employees a wide range of competitive benefits, known as CAMbens. CAMbens offers something for everyone across a range of categories, including:

- Financial Benefits, including shopping discounts (both local and national) and a Payroll Giving scheme;
- Relocation and Accommodation Benefits, including relocation assistance and interest-free Rental Deposit Loans;
- Travel Benefits, including Cycle to Work, discounts on train season tickets and interest-free Travel to Work loans;
- Family Friendly and Lifestyle Benefits, including support with childcare and family friendly policies;
- Health and Wellbeing Benefits, including a University Staff Counselling Service, discounts at the University Sports Centre, and other local gyms, and healthcare schemes.



What Cambridge can offer

Family-friendly policies

The University recognises the importance of supporting its staff. We have a range of family-friendly policies to aid employees' work-life balance including a generous maternity, adoption and shared parental leave entitlement of 18 weeks full pay, and paid emergency leave for parents and carers.

Other family-friendly support includes:

Our highly regarded workplace nurseries, a childcare salary exchange scheme and a high quality holiday Playscheme may be available to help support University employees with caring responsibilities (subject to demand and qualifying criteria). Further childcare information can be found here:

<https://www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

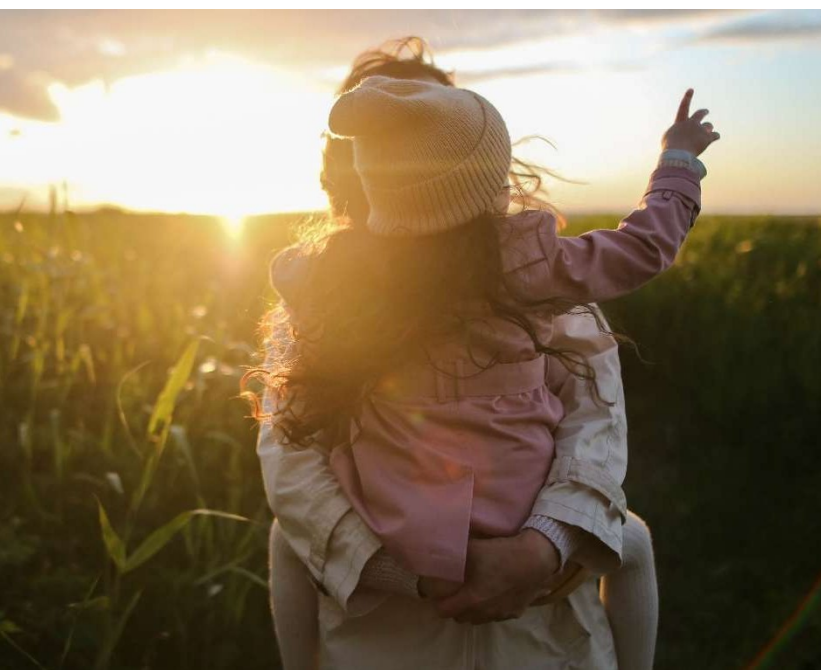
The Newcomers and Visiting Scholars Group is an organisation within the University run by volunteers whose aim is to help newly arrived wives, husbands, partners and families of Visiting Scholars and members of the University to settle in Cambridge and give them an opportunity to meet local people. The Postdoc Academy supports the postdoctoral community within Cambridge. Further details are available here: <https://www.postdocacademy.cam.ac.uk/>

Your wellbeing

The University's Sport Centre, Counselling Services and Occupational Health are just some of the support services available to University employees to promote their physical and mental wellbeing. The University delivers The Festival of Wellbeing annually, which is a programme of stimulating talks and activities, which aim to promote wellbeing and good mental and physical health. The University also hosts the [Cambridge Festival](#), which is a great opportunity to get your first taste of public engagement, through volunteering, supporting hands-on activities or proposing a talk.

Development opportunities

We support new employees to settle in through various activities as well as supporting their professional and career development on an ongoing basis. Our Personal and Professional Development (PPD) team provide development opportunities for all University employees, including face-to-face sessions, online learning modules and webinars. All employees also have unlimited access to LinkedIn Learning to support their development. Both new and existing employees can undertake funded Apprenticeships, which lead to a range of vocational and professional qualifications. We offer reduced staff fees for University of Cambridge graduate courses and the opportunity to attend lectures and seminars held by University departments and institutions. A range of University training providers also offer specialist learning and development in their own areas e.g. teaching and learning, digital literacy, finance, health and wellbeing, safety.



How to apply

Applications should be submitted online via the University of Cambridge jobs page www.jobs.cam.ac.uk by clicking “Apply online” in the job advert. You will need an email address to register for our online system.

Conversations about flexible working are encouraged at the University of Cambridge. Please feel free to discuss flexibility prior to applying (using the contact information below) or at interview if your application is successful.

Informal enquiries are welcomed and should be directed to:
Alex Fairhead af835@cam.ac.uk

If you have any queries regarding the application process please contact hr@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

The closing date for applications: 1st December 2025

The interview date for the role: 10th and 11th December 2025



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