

Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholars: Job Description

Position Title:	Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholar
Host Institution:	The Courtauld Institute of Art
Location of Position:	London, United Kingdom
Remote Work:	Partially remote (at least 3 days/week on-site required)
Salary:	48,000 GBP + up to 9,000 GBP research/relocation expense allowance for 12 months (total award up to 57,000 GBP). Additional benefits provided at discretion of host. Renewable for a second 12-month term by mutual agreement.
Start Date:	September 2025
Supervisor:	The scholar will report to Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Senior Lecturer in Buddhist Art History, Dr. Sujatha Meegama and consult with Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Senior Lecturer in Conservation Lori Wong.

Organization Description

Founded by collectors and philanthropists in the 1930s, The Courtauld works to advance how we see and understand the visual arts, as an internationally renowned centre for the teaching, research of art history and a major public gallery. Academically, The Courtauld faculty is the largest community of art historians and conservators in the UK, teaching and carrying out research on subjects from creativity in late Antiquity to contemporary digital artforms – with an increasingly global focus. An independent college of the University of London, The Courtauld offers a range of degree programmes from BA to PhD in the History of Art, curating and the conservation of easel and wall paintings.

Established at The Courtauld in 2012, The Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Centre for Buddhist Art and Conservation reflects the Ho Foundation's express interests in promoting education in the arts, and in encouraging cross-cultural understanding and the preservation of the Buddhist cultural heritage.

Website

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Position Description/Responsibilities

The Buddhism Public Scholar will be situated within The Ho Centre for Buddhist Art and Conservation at The Courtauld's Conservation Department. This position will enhance the Ho Centre and the MA in Art History and Conservation of Buddhist Heritage programme in many ways. The Scholar will support the Ho Centre's collaborations with public institutions such as museums and libraries, as well as Buddhist temples and religious communities both in the UK and in Asia, which work to create public programming and produce knowledge about Buddhist Heritage. The Scholar will also provide sabbatical relief, which will include teaching a module on the MA Art History and Conservation of Buddhist Heritage, as well as other teaching as needed. This might include coordinating a series of workshops on Buddhism (40% teaching). The scholar will also organise public events on Buddhist heritage at the Centre and be integral in assisting with grant applications, collaborating with international visiting fellows, and supervising post-doctoral fellows at the Ho Centre.

Required Qualifications

- PhD in humanities or interpretive social sciences (postgraduate training in Art History, Conservation, Heritage and Museum studies, or related fields is desirable)
- Expertise and academic training in Buddhist Studies
- A strong track record of research and scholarly publications in the field of Buddhist Studies, with a focus on Buddhist art, heritage, or conservation
- Demonstrated experience in teaching Buddhism or related subjects at the undergraduate and/or graduate level
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with various institutions such as museums, libraries, religious communities, and academic organizations
- Strong communication skills, with the ability to engage a diverse audience through public speaking, writing, and digital media

Preferred Qualifications (optional)

- Experience in interdisciplinary research or projects that bridge Buddhist Studies with other fields such as anthropology, history, or archaeology
- Previous work experience in Asia, particularly in collaboration with Buddhist temples, religious communities, or heritage institutions
- Proficiency in one or more Asian languages relevant to Buddhist Studies (e.g., Sanskrit, Pali, Tibetan, Chinese, Japanese)

Additional Information

All candidates must apply through the [ACLS Online Fellowship and Grant Administration \(OFA\) System](#) by 9 PM EST on January 23, 2025. More information about Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Buddhism Public Scholars is available [here](#).

This position is only available through The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies. You may not contact the host institution to inquire about the position.