



Chelsea Physic Garden 350: Assistant Project Curator Role Overview

Job Title:	Assistant Project Curator
Position:	12 month, fixed term contract
Hours:	Full time 35 hours per week
Salary:	£30,000 - £33,000 (dependent on experience)
Holidays:	33 days including 8 public holidays, per annum
Responsible to:	Director & Curator
Location based at:	Flexible working encouraged. Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, London, SW3 4HS.

1. Equal Opportunities

Chelsea Physic Garden is a place for everyone. As an equal opportunities' employer, Chelsea Physic Garden is committed to championing equality, diversity, and inclusion in our workplace. If you are a suitably qualified applicant, we encourage your application whatever your age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or socio-economic background.

2. About Chelsea Physic Garden

Chelsea Physic Garden (CPG) is an independent charity set up in 1983 to promote and preserve the four-acre garden of the same name. The charity's mission is to demonstrate the medicinal, economic, cultural and environmental importance of plants to the survival and wellbeing of humankind. We are open to visitors six-days a week, eleven months of the year. There has been a teaching Garden on our site since 1673, and today we hope that all our visitors leave inspired, having learnt something new.

3. Our Values

We have a set of five inter linked reinforcing values that support each other



4. About the Role

Ahead of our 350 Anniversary year in 2023, we are looking for an Assistant Project Curator to research and create content that unlocks our collection.

The Assistant Project Curator will report into the Director & Curator of Chelsea Physic Garden, and work closely with internal stakeholders such as the Head of Plant Collections and Commercial Director.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we will be creating a work on our 350 Defining Plants. The postholder will support the creation of the list, and capture some of the reasons what makes these plants defining.

The postholder will undertake inhouse research, and create content to be used in blog posts, a zine series, and the delivery of a refreshed guidebook for the Garden.

Chelsea Physic Garden was founded in 1673, for context the last person to be executed for witchcraft in England was in 1683. The Garden was part of the age of enlightenment and supported the British Empire's colonial aspirations as a place where plants from the Globe were propagated, and where knowledge of plants could be gained. The Assistant Project Curator must be prepared to engage with these stories as we seek to understand more about a range of subjects from women in horticulture to plants and empire.

5. Key deliverables

- 1) Compose list of 350 Defining Plants (working collaboratively with Head of Plant Collections, Director, other stakeholders)
- 2) Research and Write 12 Blog Posts relating to CPG and it's collections (advance Interpretation & Digital Masterplan, reach Digital Audience, help people unlock our collections).
- 3) Deliver x4 Mini Research Projects in the form of 'Zines' for audiences to enjoy.
- 4) Support research for the Guidebook (to broaden its reach including, but not restricted to, the role of women and people of colour etc)
- 5) Support the development of the Content Outline for the next stage of the Interpretation & Digital Masterplan (e.g. The Dicotyledon Beds, etc.) to help consistency of visitor experience through interpretation onsite, online, etc.

Person Specification

Knowledge Skills and Experience	Essential/ Desirable
Excellent communication skills	E
Ability to plan, work to deadlines	E
Experience of producing research and content	E

Terms and Conditions

The post holder will be required to work 5 days per week for a fixed term one year role.

The Garden operates a salary exchange pension scheme currently with Royal London which means that your gross salary is reduced by the amount of pension contribution made by the employer and employee which is then paid directly into your pension. The equivalent contribution rates are 5% employer and 3% employee at the end of the probationary period.

Details of other employee benefits and rights will be provided to successful candidates and include things like a season ticket loan, a cycle purchase scheme as well as an employee assistance programme.