

Student Officer

Design History Society



Founded in 1977, the Design History Society works internationally to promote and support the study and understanding of design history. It welcomes all those engaged in the subject, from students, researchers and educators, to designers, makers, critics and curators. The Society aims to play an important role in shaping an inclusive design history.

The Design History Society is committed to supporting and encouraging student learning and research in Design History. With this in mind, the Society is seeking a Student Officer to represent the interests of all those engaged in the study of design history.

Overview

The Student Officer serves on the Executive Committee as a non-Trustee to represent the interests and activities of students undertaking design historical studies at all levels of higher education.

The Student Officer focuses on three key activities: promoting DHS funding for student travel, conference participation and the annual essay prizes; building and sustaining links between the Society and diverse student communities; and representing the interests of student members of the Society on the Board of Trustees.

The role is offered on a voluntary basis, with reasonable travel costs reimbursed in accordance with the DHS expenses policy. The successful applicant is expected to serve for 2 years, from September 2019.

The DHS is committed to progressing equality and diversity, and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. We encourage applications from beyond London and the South East and from those who are able to help the Society reach new student audiences.

Key Activities

- Promote wider access and participation for different social groups in the study of design history in higher education
- Raise the profile of DHS funding and awards amongst student members
- Initiate, participate in and support events such as conferences, seminars and symposia that are student-led, concerned with student interests or design history education
- Offer information, advice and support for all those involved in studying history of design
- Assist with the administration of student funds and awards
- Liaise with the Learning and Teaching Officer, Research Grants Officer and Membership and Outreach Officer in areas of shared interest and activity
- Contribute student-related content to the Design History Society website and social media platforms. This may include blog posts, event or resource reviews, calls for participation and other bespoke content in line with the Society's aims and objectives.

Benefits

- Free annual membership of the Society during term of office.
- Free registration at the DHS Annual Conference and other events in the Society's annual programme.
- Varied professional development and networking opportunities.

Personal Requirements

1. Commitment to equal opportunities and inclusive practices (essential)
2. Strong interest in the history of design or related fields (essential).
3. Knowledge of design history education at undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral levels (essential)
4. Self-motivated, organised and able to meet deadlines (essential)
5. Experience of working in a team & collaboration (desired)
6. Good writing and communication skills (desired)

For more information about the role, or if you have any questions, please contact the [Secretary](#). To apply, complete the application form and return to the [DHS Administrator](#).

Deadline for submissions is 5pm, 31 July 2019.

Further information about the Society and the work of the Trustees can be found here:

[Design History Society Website](#)

[DHS Student Awards & Prizes](#)

[DHS Trustees Annual Reports](#)

[DHS Annual Conference 2019](#), hosted by Northumbria University at Newcastle-upon-Tyne (5-7 September)