

Historian

What is it?

A historian is a scholar or expert who studies and writes about the past. Historians seek to understand and interpret historical events, trends, and developments by examining various sources of evidence, such as written documents, artifacts, oral accounts, and more.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

You will require a master's or post graduate qualification in history or historical archaeology. Typical entry requirements include a good 2:1 or higher degree in history or a related subject. For a position in a university faculty, a doctorate (PhD) is usually required.

What the Work Involves:

Most jobs will require some form of historical research, this may be carried out online, paper-based records and books and hands on research. You can choose to teach and lecture, or you write articles for professional journals. You may also work within museums.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

As a professional historian, you could go into historical research. Many Historians combine teaching, writing and research. Some are employed by heritage organisations to provide expert advice and support.

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| Weekly Pay £670 | Annual Pay £34,840 |
| Hours/Week 45h | Hourly Pay £15 |

Workforce Change (projected)

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| Growth 3.3% | Replacement 39.3% |
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The workforce is projected to grow by 3.3% over the period to 2027, creating 600 jobs. In the same period, 39.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 6,700 job openings.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

You will need a strong enthusiasm and love of history. You will also have a good knowledge of your specialist subjects. Excellent communication skills are important as well as having an open-minded approach.

Money/Wage Guide:

Earnings vary according to your job. Historical researchers earn between £16 to £50 per hour. Academic posts in the UK range from £25,000 to £42,000. At senior academic levels earnings are £80,000 upwards.

Related Opportunities:

- Archaeologist
- Genealogist
- Museum/Art Gallery Curator

Further Information:

Creative and Cultural Skills.
www.ccskills.org.uk
Institute of Historical Research.
www.history.ac.uk
Royal Historical Society.
www.royalhistsoc.org