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LSTM
LIVERPOOL SCHOOL
OF TROPICAL MEDICINE



LSTM
History &
Heritage
Project –
Academic
Lead

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Director's Introduction

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) has a long history as the first institution of its kind in the world. As such we have much to be proud of, including being the home of the first Nobel Prize for medicine. LSTM is a truly unique institution, driven by the passion to make a positive impact on the world's most disadvantaged communities and a commitment to equitable partnerships which underpins all that we do.

We are committed to becoming an anti-racist organisation. Equitable partnerships are at the heart of all our work, as we engage in regional, national and international collaborations to deliver our research and teaching.

We are taking active steps to address barriers to progression and retention for staff and to embed decolonisation across our work, enshrined in our **Race Equity Action Plan.**

As part of this journey, it is vital that, as we celebrate our 125th anniversary, we confront our colonial origins and our part in British imperialism. To do this we have commissioned a colonial history research project to deliver a rigorous public record of our past. We are seeking to work with an historian who can lead this project, with this work supported by activities to digitise our archive collections for wider access.

If you would like to be part of this exciting work and join an organisation committed to meaningful change, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Professor David Lalloo,
Director of LSTM**

LSTM History

LSTM was founded in 1898 in response to a call from Joseph Chamberlain (the Secretary of State for the Colonies) to tackle the high mortality rate of colonial officers, white settlers and the city of Liverpool's mercantile workforce from 'tropical diseases' which were causing substantial economic cost to the empire.

LSTM's existence in Liverpool was born out of the city's instrumental role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its connections to the transatlantic slave economy. The city dominated trade in Africa and the Americas during the 18th and 19th century, transforming the city into a gateway to empire.

The founding donation was given by Sir Alfred Lewis Jones (ALJ) an influential shipping magnate who owned the Elder Dempster Shipping Line and who made significant profits from the colonial exploitation of various African countries.

Further information about LSTM's story can be found here.





About LSTM

Established in 1898 as the **first institution in the world dedicated to teaching and research in tropical medicine**, LSTM has been positively impacting the health of the world's most disadvantaged communities for over 125 years.

We have seen great achievements by **our staff and students and can boast many 'firsts', including the UK's first Nobel Prize for Medicine which was awarded to our first lecturer, Sir Ronald Ross**. Alwyn Evans was our first female lecturer, joining LSTM in 1918 and becoming an established expert on the malaria-carrying anopheles mosquito. Since then our staff, students, alumni and partners have gone on to have significant impact in their fields.

Today, with around **600** staff, many based in Liverpool and at our partnership hubs in Africa, we are widely recognised as one of the leading research institutions in the UK, being named 2nd in the UK for the impact of our research.

Our staff work at the cutting-edge of their fields and are internationally recognised as experts and practitioners in tropical medicine and global health. Our research on neglected tropical diseases, including snakebite, as well as infectious diseases like malaria, HIV and tuberculosis has led to ground-breaking advancements in prevention and treatment.

Our clinicians practice in hospitals throughout the world, treating patients alongside their research and teaching; and our social scientists work closely with communities and community leaders to help overcome barriers to accessing health care.

We are also home to one of only three specialist parasite diagnostic laboratories in the UK and our UK Home Office-accredited Herpetarium houses one of the largest and most diverse collections of venomous snakes in Europe.

We are also one of only **21** institutions in the UK named as a world-class specialist provider of education by the Office for Students, a testament to the quality of our teaching and learning.



Key facts:

2nd in the UK for the impact of our research (REF 2021)

Winner of the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize for our innovative vector control project, Tiny Targets

Home to staff, students and alumni from more than 90 countries

Recognised as a world-leading specialist provider of education (OfS)

Ranked in the top 6% of universities*

A combined research portfolio of more than £560m in 2021/22

More than 350 global partners

*Source footnote 2023 edition of the Global 2000 list by the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR)

Our Strategy

We are proud to be a community united by a common mission, vision and values.

Our vision

Healthy lives across the world.

Our Mission

Improving health outcomes in disadvantaged populations globally, through partnership in research and education.

Our Objectives

Research

To undertake world-class translational research to improve health outcomes for disadvantaged populations across the world.

Education

To deliver a flexible, accessible and innovative educational portfolio which will transform global health practice and leadership.

Partnerships

To expand and develop local and international equitable partnerships that underpin our impact.

Investing in our future

To invest in our internal capabilities and resources to ensure organisational sustainability and resilience.



Race and Equality

In October 2022, following an externally commissioned race equity review LSTM was proud to publish its first Race Equity Action Plan. The plan aims to steer the organisation's efforts to tackle racial inequities and long-term journey to embed anti-racist practice. While we recognise there remains a long way to go, we are proud of the significant progress we have been able to make thanks to people at all levels of the organisation. As a key part of our commitment to this longer-term goal we are working towards the submission of our application for the Race Equity Charter bronze award.

This history and heritage project marks a significant step in our journey to decolonise and become actively anti-racist. It will allow us to make informed and meaningful decisions led by both academic and non-academic experts in partnership with BAME communities affected by legacies of slavery and colonialism.



This is very much a learning journey for us as an organisation, and we look forward to delivering this work with integrity.

Dr Uzoh Egere
Race Equity Action Committee Chair

History and Heritage Project



We are commissioning a 2-year independent academic research project to create a rigorous public record of the institution's history through robust academic research. The report will explore the complex relationships between race, history, health, and tropical medicine. This work will inform conversations about the institution's colonial legacies and the future development of our history and heritage strategy.

LSTM has committed funding to engage an academic lead (part time, equivalent 0.2 FTE) and appoint a full-time research

associate for the first 2 years. We will support the project team to identify and secure additional external sources of funding.

An external advisory panel will be appointed to steer and guide the research team in their work. This panel will consist of historians and both academic and non-academic experts and academics with relevant expertise as well as those with expertise working with communities and their histories as they relate to colonialism.

Scope



The project will explore LSTM's origins, practices, and activities from our inception in 1898 through the colonial and post-colonial periods. The initial period of research should be focussed on the founding of LSTM and the colonial period; further expansion to focus on specific periods in our history will be subject to securing further funding.

LSTM's archives are of international significance, but the majority have never been publicly seen. The project will be supported by our ongoing work to digitise our archives but will also involve sourcing and research of relevant archives nationally and internationally as they relate to LSTM's colonial origins and history. The voices and experiences of those affected by LSTM's colonial endeavours will be integral to the study.

Deliverables and objectives for the initial phase (2 years) include:

- A rigorous academic report of research findings;
- A series of events, seminars, workshops on the findings of the research to both internal and external audiences;
- A contribution to the development of the wider history and heritage strategy.



The scope of the project will be set against the context of Liverpool's links with West Africa and capture the history, voices and experiences of the communities who were impacted by LSTM activities across the globe, particularly affected West African communities.

Academic Lead

Summary

LSTM is seeking a historian to be appointed as academic lead for the project. Ideally, you will have experience leading research projects and supervising researchers. LSTM particularly welcomes applications from Black and Minority Ethnic candidates who are descendants of, or affected by colonialism or slavery. The nature of the funding mechanism and contract type for this project can be discussed with the successful applicant, to accommodate other commitments. We anticipate the project being equivalent to 0.2 FTE.

A Full Time Research Assistant/Associate (up to 24 months duration, to be recruited in consultation with the appointed academic lead) will be responsible for conducting the research and drafting the report.

Key aspects of the role

- Work with the Advisory Board to agree the scope and objectives of the report;
- Lead the development of the protocol for the work;
- Conduct research into the history of LSTM;
- Appoint, supervise and support a researcher to support delivery of project aims;
- Review and edit the draft report;
- Deliver periodic reports and presentations to project stakeholders;
- Identify and submit funding applications to expand LSTM's work to explore our history and heritage;
- Undertake public engagement activities, throughout the project.

We are looking for someone who brings

- A PhD or related experience in relevant field of history or related area with a focus on colonial history;
- Evidenced commitment to anti-racism, decolonisation initiatives and race equity;
- Demonstrable expertise in applying decolonial methodologies to historical studies;
- Strong communication and collaboration skills, including working with communities affected by legacies of colonialism and slavery;
- A willingness to work with all relevant stakeholders (including LSTM staff networks and senior management);
- Experience of supervising researchers;
- A proven track record of producing high quality reports on time and to budget.

How to apply

For an informal discussion about the project and our aims or if you have any questions, please contact Nicola Roberts (nicola.roberts@lstm.ac.uk) who can direct your query as appropriate.

Interested historians are **invited to submit a proposal via the link on our vacancy page**. Your proposal should include the following:

- A cover letter (max 1-page)
- Curriculum Vitae (max 2-pages)
- Proposal outlining the approach to the project (max 2-pages)
- Samples of previous work on colonial history or related subjects
- A cost estimate for the duration of the project (note the costs for the Research Assistant will be met by LSTM and hence should not be included in the budget).

Timelines

Submission deadline for applicants: closing date 16th September 2024

- Panel review: **w/c 23rd September 2024**
- Interviews: **w/c 14th October 2024**
- Expected outcome: **w/c 31st October**
- Expected start date: **November 2024**

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