

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Research Associate in Old Testament
Department:	Tyndale House, Academic
Line Manager:	Research Fellow in Old Testament (Dr Caleb Howard)
Location:	Tyndale House, Cambridge
Duration:	Fixed Term (2 years with potential for extension to 3 years, subject to funding) <i>70% Research + Cambridge Uni / 30% Communications + Other</i>
Salary:	£33,000 - £38,700 per annum (dependent on experience and visa stipulations, if applicable)
Key Benefits:	9% employer Pension Contribution; 30-days' annual leave allowance and 4 x salary life insurance

Overall Purpose:

Tyndale House is an institute for biblical studies and residential research library which aims to grow an international research community, to present the value of the Bible at the highest academic level, to resource the Church to understand and trust the Bible, and to promote informed attitudes to the Bible.

Tyndale House is seeking to recruit a post-doctoral Research Associate for a 24 to 36 month post. The purpose of the position is to advance the evangelical Christian religion by engaging in and publishing high level biblical research, by undertaking scholarly tasks which advance existing collaborative projects at Tyndale House, and by acting in a way to promote the evangelical faith and foster evangelical biblical scholarship.

As the purpose of the position is to promote the evangelical Christian religion, there is an Occupational Requirement for the post-holder to be an active, practising, evangelical Christian in agreement with the [doctrinal basis of Tyndale House and living in accord with our Ethos Statement](#).

Year 1:

- Submit PhD for publication
- Undertake research on onomastics under supervision of Line Manager
- Other research and teaching (i.e. Cambridge University) as approved by Line Manager
- Public communications as agreed by Line Manager & Director of Engagement as well as other activities in the service of Tyndale House e.g. mentoring, teaching intensives, public representation, group tours etc.

Year 2:

- Onomastics research
- Other research and teaching (i.e. Cambridge University) as approved by Line Manager
- Public communications as agreed by Line Manager & Director of Engagement as well as other activities in the service of Tyndale House e.g. mentoring, teaching intensives, public representation, group tours etc.

[Year 3]

- Onomastics research
- Other research and teaching (i.e. Cambridge University) as approved by Line Manager
- Public communications as agreed by Line Manager & Director of Engagement as well as other activities in the service of Tyndale House e.g. mentoring, teaching intensives, public representation, group tours etc.

Principal accountabilities:

1. Academic Research

- 1.1. Carrying out research in biblical and related areas as agreed with the project lead and Academic Supervisor
- 1.2. Researching the language and historical background of the Old Testament as part of a research group based at Tyndale House
- 1.3. Carrying out assigned research on Old Testament and ancient Near Eastern personal names
- 1.4. Developing knowledge of and ability to read Classical Hebrew
- 1.5. Collecting, entering, and analysing data related to the ancient setting of the Old Testament and its text
- 1.6. Producing original published biblical research in assigned areas. The primary publication form of this research should normally be in peer reviewed journals of international standing, though other forms of academic publication are not discouraged as part of a whole portfolio of publication
- 1.7. Reviewing Old Testament articles for the *Tyndale Bulletin*
- 1.8. Reviewing the work of other project collaborators. If necessary, overseeing the work of other project collaborators
- 1.9. Uncovering new avenues for collaborative Old Testament research

2. Acting as an Ambassador for Tyndale House

- 2.1. Working with the Tyndale House communications department (for the purpose of social media, printed and online content) to actively promote the individual's academic work and the work of Tyndale House
- 2.2. Actively networking to seek new friends and supporters for Tyndale House
- 2.3. Promoting Tyndale House amongst biblical scholars
- 2.4. Undertaking teaching at Tyndale House or elsewhere as agreed with the Academic Supervisor
- 2.5. Working with the Academic Relationships Coordinator to advocate for biblical scholarship as a career path
- 2.6. Providing academic, cultural and spiritual support and direction to students and readers as appropriate
- 2.7. Promoting the spiritual growth of residents, readers and visitors through prayer, encouragement, mentoring, and discipleship
- 2.8. Occasional mentoring of students in other contexts

3. Other Duties

- 3.1. Promoting the Christian mission of Tyndale House
- 3.2. Taking part and participating in the wider working life of Tyndale House, including chapel, prayer times and social occasions with residents and readers.
- 3.3. Assisting with fire evacuation procedures and complying with health and safety requirements
- 3.4. Keeping up-to-date with all organisational policies and complying with their requirements
- 3.5. Actively engaging with appraisal processes and taking responsibility for own training and professional development
- 3.6. General administrative/other duties as required that ensure the fulfilment of the role and the smooth and efficient running of Tyndale House

4. Personal Specification

- 4.1. Completed doctorate in Old Testament or a closely related area at the time of appointment
- 4.2. Ability to conduct philological research in ancient Near Eastern languages
- 4.3. Knowledge of at least two ancient languages related to the Bible
- 4.4. Strong ability to engage with secondary literature in modern research languages
- 4.5. An active research profile and recent evidence of research publication suitable for submission in the UK's Research Excellence Framework
- 4.6. Ability to teach Old Testament at UK university level
- 4.7. Ability to mentor students in Christian discipleship

- 4.8. Ability to offer specialist review of Old Testament articles submitted to the *Tyndale Bulletin* and to assign them to appropriate external reviewers. Ability to prepare a manuscript accurately for publication
- 4.9. Able and willing to play an effective role in Tyndale House as a whole
- 4.10. Occupational requirement to be a practising Evangelical Christian