

I am inquisitive about the past and enjoy the outdoors, so I became an...

ARCHAEOLOGIST



Job role

As an archaeologist you might:

- Travel to many different sites around the world, carrying out excavations in areas of historic interest
- Make a unique discovery about people's lives in the past
- Use innovative tools and technologies to collect data and test hypotheses about life in the past
- Work in a laboratory analysing data and building a picture of the intricacies of different historical periods
- Present to organisations on your findings, and advise them on the impacts that their policies and projects could have on the future of historic sites



Qualification level

Degree normally required unless extensive experience and often a post-graduate qualification



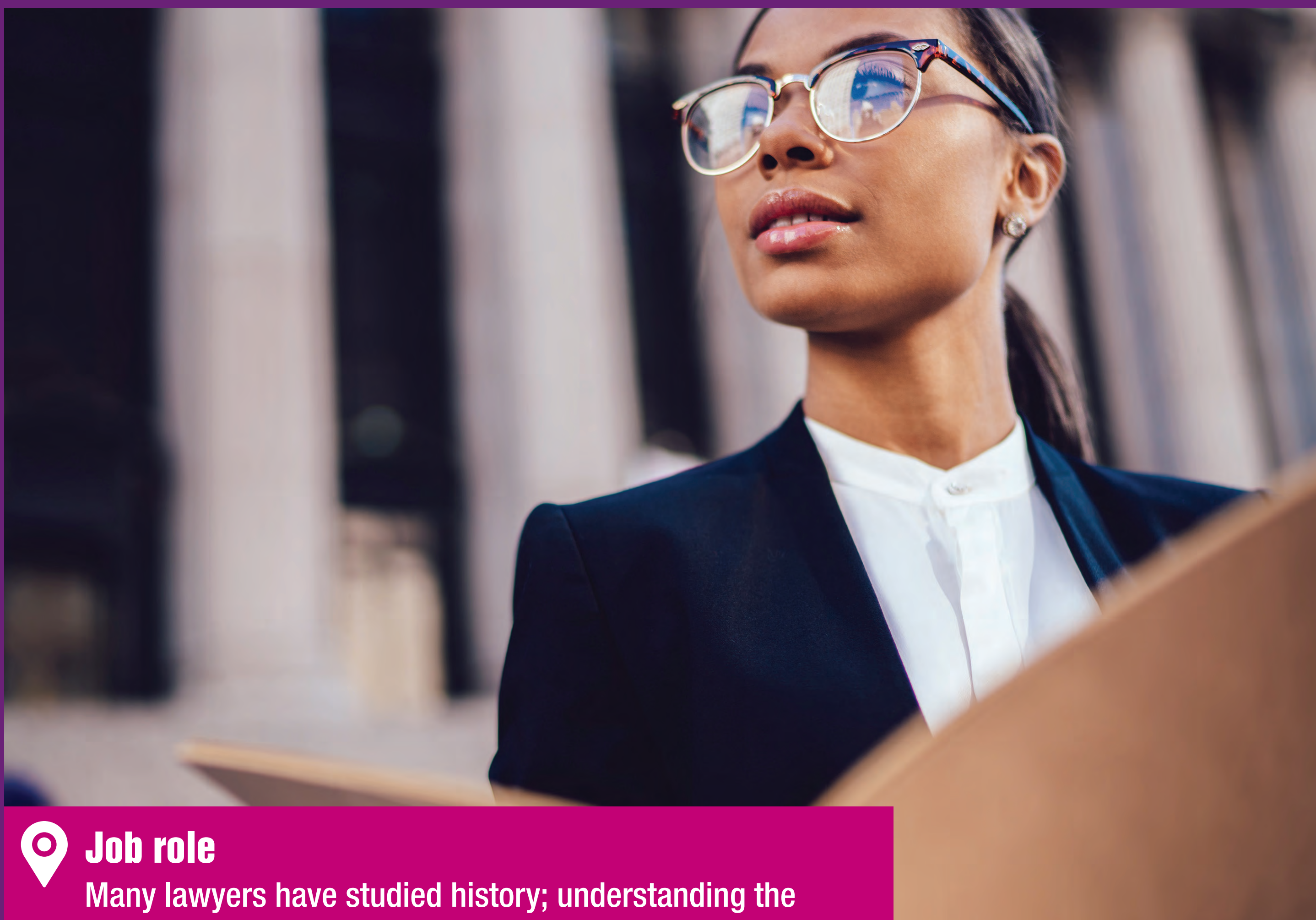
Salary

Junior level: £21,000

Senior level: £36,000+

I am a critical thinker with excellent communication skills, so I became a...

LAWYER



Job role

Many lawyers have studied history; understanding the historical context of the law is a real advantage. As a lawyer you could:

- Work with clients to understand their personal, commercial and/or political needs
- Work as part of a team to build legal cases and resolve disputes
- Research and analyse large amounts of information, identify what is relevant, and communicate this verbally and in writing
- Keep up to date with current affairs to apply laws appropriately
- Negotiate challenging situations with different stakeholders to achieve the best outcome for your clients



Qualification level

A degree is essential – 2:1 or above

Depending on the route as either a solicitor or barrister further specific qualifications



Salary (dependent on area of practice)

Junior level: £28,000-£50,000

Senior level: £85,000+

Partner: variable but often £150,000+

I love artefacts and enjoy being creative, so I use my skills as a...

MUSEUM/GALLERY EXHIBITIONS OFFICER



Job role

As an exhibitions officer you might:

- Research, source and select exhibition pieces for permanent and travelling exhibitions.
- Negotiate the terms of loan or purchase.
- Work with production teams to design and install exhibitions
- Write proposals for future exhibitions and long-term strategies to increase public engagement
- Contribute to and organise promotional events and materials
- Liaise with schools, community organisations and local history groups to develop museum activities
- Manage exhibition budgets and organise fundraising events



Qualification level

A good honours degree in a related area is preferable. Cultural Heritage apprenticeship may also be accepted



Salary

Junior level: £19,000-£25,000

Senior level: £27,000-£40,000

I am a good communicator and like to understand people's behaviour patterns, so I became a...

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER



Job role

As a PR manager you might:

- Network with clients, colleagues and the media to communicate key messages and identify promotional opportunities
- Carry out market research to understand your target audiences
- Write and produce presentations, reports and marketing materials such as promotional videos, leaflets, social media posts and press releases
- Organise and attend promotional events including open days, press releases and community forums
- Speak publicly at events and conduct follow-up analysis on the impact of PR strategies to feedback to clients



Qualification level

A degree is preferred, a post-graduate qualification in PR can be helpful but not essential



Salary

Junior officer: £18,000-£24,000

Senior officer/manager: £25,000-£40,000

Senior manager/director: £100,000+

(Companies often offer additional incentives such as bonus schemes, private healthcare or a company car)

I wanted to use my research skills and eye for detail to help people trace their past, so I became a...

GENEALOGIST



Job role

As a genealogist you might:

- Conduct interviews with family members and experts to plan a route of enquiry and gather information
- Analyse sources including birth and death certificates, church records, diaries, census data and photographs to draw conclusions about family connections
- Apply genealogical DNA testing to extend ancestry research
- Produce detailed written reports outlining findings and further investigative routes to present to non-experts



Qualification level

Diploma, degree or postgraduate qualification is preferred



Salary

Average salary for experienced genealogist £33,500 or £15-20 per hour for freelance work

(Often genealogists supplement their income with other jobs such as teaching, lecturing, working in archives)

I enjoy writing, and domestic and international affairs really interest me, so I used my skills to become a...

JOURNALIST



Job role

As a journalist you could:

- Report on a wide range of topics such as politics, sport, arts and culture, sport, science and entertainment
- Respond quickly to breaking news stories, following up leads to gather content
- Write stories for local, regional national or even international press
- Network and build relationships with your community and other media sources to ensure you have reliable sources of information
- Carry out research, interview experts, and assemble facts and first-hand accounts to build interesting stories that are unbiased and non-judgemental
- Work as a correspondent in a specialty area, travelling to different locations to report on relevant news stories
- Work with various media platforms



Qualification level

Degree or relevant apprenticeship preferred in this competitive environment; professional qualifications in journalism, accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) are highly respected



Salary (variations between regional and national levels)

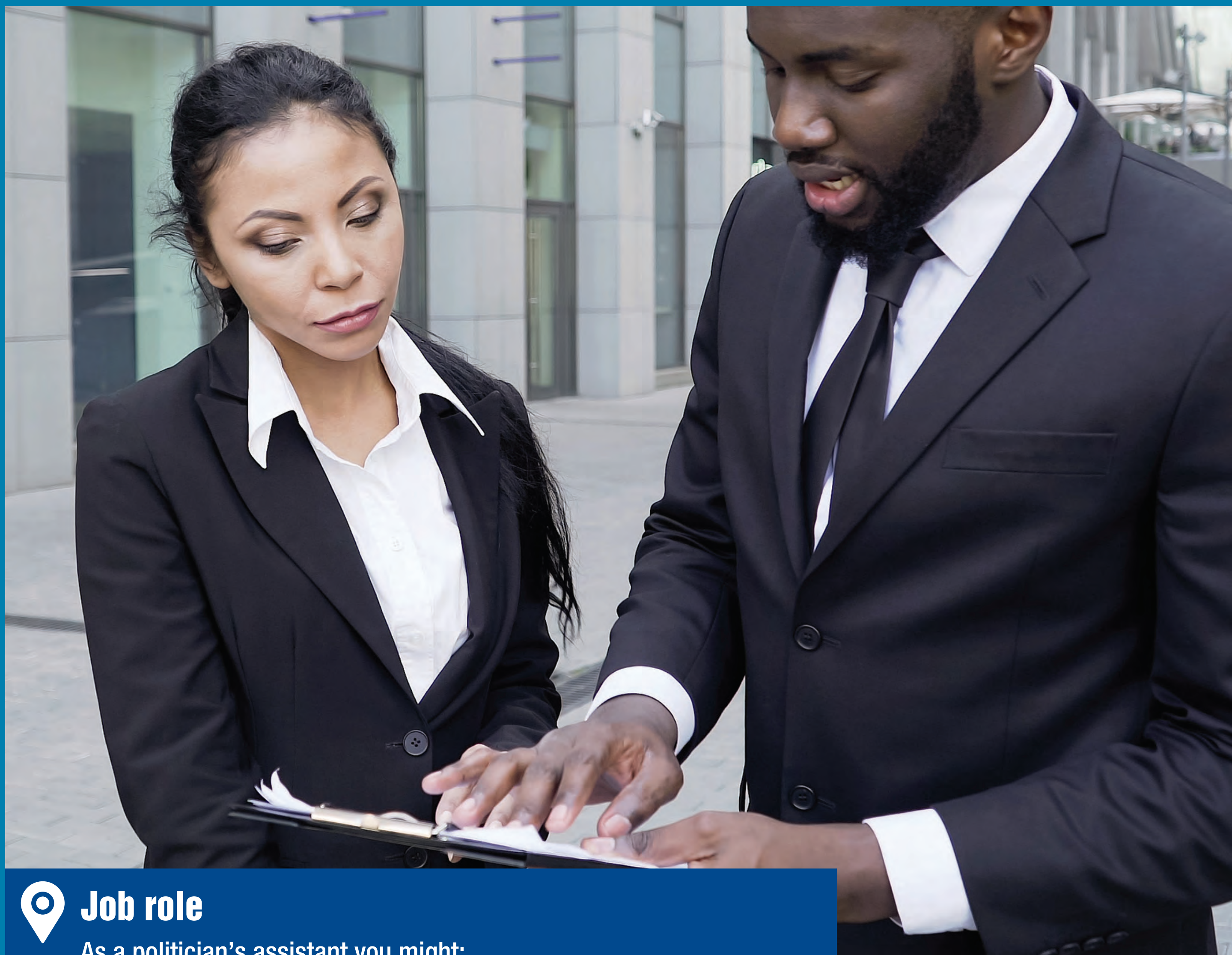
Junior level: £15,000-£20,000

Senior level: £35,000+

Many journalists work on a freelance basis

I am excited by past and present politics, so I became a...

POLITICIAN'S ASSISTANT



Job role

As a politician's assistant you might:

- Carry out administrative duties, such as organising schedules and travel arrangements, taking meeting minutes and managing a politician's diary
- Carry out research into issues at a local, regional, national and international level to ensure that the politician is kept up to date with relevant matters
- Organise the politician's surgeries with constituents and help to respond to their enquiries
- Support campaigns during elections by writing press releases, mail shots and newsletters that showcase the work of the politician to potential voters
- Work with varied stakeholders including different levels of government, embassies, relevant interest groups and the media, to support the politician and get issues and proposals on the political agenda



Qualification level

A degree or HND is required.

A related subject such as history is an advantage



Salary

Junior level: £18,000-£26,000

1-5 years' experience: £23,000-£28,000

Senior level: £30,000-£45,000

(Salaries are more if London-based)

I am passionate about the conservation of historic estates for future generations, so I became a...

HERITAGE MANAGER



Job role

As a heritage manager you might:

- Carry out strategic planning to balance the conservation of historic sites with generating income from commercial activities
- Manage a budget
- Organise and oversee conservation and restoration projects
- Recruit, train and supervise employees and volunteers to ensure artefacts are looked after and that visitors have a good experience
- Liaise with funding agencies, council departments, local history groups, schools and tourist companies to secure funding or work on joint ventures
- Develop outreach projects for the local community and marketing ideas to increase visitor numbers



Qualification level

A degree is required and a post-graduate qualification in heritage or museum management could increase your employability and salary in this competitive sector



Salary

Trainee: £18,000-£25,000

2-3 years experience:
£25,000-£40,000

Senior: £40,000-£70,000

I am sociable, confident and wanted to travel, so I became a...

TOUR GUIDE



Job role

As a tour guide you might:

- Travel to different countries
- Undertake research on attractions such as historical monuments, sites of cultural interest, museums, galleries and beauty spots, to plan and design tours for visitors
- Lead groups around sites and give information about the history and cultural background in an entertaining and informative manner to enhance the visitor experience
- Complete risk assessments of potentially dangerous places to ensure the safety of visitors
- Coordinate tours, making sure you keep clients together and manage time effectively
- Deal with unexpected situations and demonstrate a calm and flexible approach



Qualification level

A degree is not required but could be helpful



Salary

Junior level: £21,000-£24,000

Senior level: £30,000-£33,000

(Many tour guides work seasonally and as freelancers. Income varies considerably between countries)

I wanted to impart my passion for history to the next generation, so I used my skills to become an...

EDUCATION OFFICER



Job role

As an education officer you might:

- Work with schools and community groups giving talks or train volunteers on local history and artefacts
- Research and develop educational resources and programmes for schools, community groups and to engage new visitors
- Manage a budget and team of employees and volunteers
- Generate income and raise capital by contributing to funding applications
- Conduct risk assessments for visits and trips with groups or schools
- Research and collate survey data to evaluate educational programmes



Qualification level

A degree is preferred but not essential. A degree related to the specific area of education can be helpful



Salary

Junior level: £18,000-£20,000

1-5 years' experience: £20,000- £28,000

Senior level: £30,000-£40,000+