

Careers in Historical Research -Emerging Trends of Innovative Opportunities

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Abstract: *This paper explores the career opportunities in historical research and focuses on creating employability opportunities through higher education. It is a well known fact that careers in history are fascinating but the people opting for careers in history are very less. As research in higher education sector in India shows that the technical courses attract youth more than anything else, because they offer profound employment opportunities. The history as a subject is opted by rural as well as sub urban centers and it is being neglected as not creating any opportunities for making careers. But the emerging trend in historical scholarship says that there are considerable careers openings in this subject and digital revolution has furthered additional, consistent and creative careers in historical scholarship. But the digital revolution has added creativity to historical research careers.*

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I. Introduction

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Historian And Historical Researchers' Skills- Research historians need to have certain skills for formation of careers in history research.

Excellent Communication Skills -The history research opens up several careers in historical research. They communicate with other historians, archivists and those requesting the research. Frequently, they conduct interviews with field specialists and, and when a project covers a relatively recent historical event, eyewitnesses to events. They must also have excellent written communication skills in order to prepare reports on findings and write papers with the information they have gathered and compiled. A keen sense of analytics is required of a research historian. Prior to accepting information, a research historian must be able to verify its authenticity or disregard it as hearsay. Multiple sources are sometimes needed to verify a single fact, so patience and diligence are crucial for success in the field. It is also beneficial to be able to differentiate between what is and is not relevant to a specific project.

Researchers must be able to think outside the specified subject jurisdiction.. Sometimes, information is hard to find, and researchers need to use creative strategies to learn all they need to know about a specific historical event. Researchers may need to locate unexplored archives or identify rarely used resources in the search for information. Those with a strong sense of curiosity may excel in this field. Some researchers work on a consultant or freelance basis. Others work for the government, schools and private institutions. Museums and historical societies also hire research historians for fact-checking and information-gathering, as well as verification processes.

Career Needs For History Research -For staff research historian positions, the researcher will need to be able to multi-task, often answering questions or consulting on more than one project at a time. Some projects may require travel, and the researcher must be able to work on multiple projects while on the road. The ability to prioritize projects is an asset for staff research historians. Research historians spend much of their time following up on leads and making sure requested information is received in a timely manner so as not to delay a project or deadline. Tracking requests, documenting timelines and checking on information bottlenecks play a large role in a researcher's day. Building relationships with sources is a key component of a researcher's duties.

A research historian may need to use the same source for more than one project, and displaying a pleasant demeanor during interactions will make the next contact easier.

Job Requirements For A Research Historian - A master's degree is usually the minimum educational requirement for research historian positions. Many higher education Institutions offer master degrees in history. Job applicants are usually expected to have a broad knowledge of history, but many positions also require a research historian to have a specific informational background or bailiwick. In such cases, having spent years of study and research on the subject may be considered of equal importance to having a specific degree. The bachelor degree provides the necessary educational foundation to pursue graduate studies and a career as a research historian in the future. In a Bachelors degree course students learn about history, western civilization, maritime history, war history through history, world history. Students need to get a master's degree in history which will offer in-depth studies.

Doctorate Degree For Historical Research- Attaining a Ph.D. in history not only gives the student a leg up in the research field, but it also qualifies a student to take a teaching position in an institution of higher learning. Some programs include apprenticeship positions with other teaching staff. This program will take the student's chosen focus and develop communication and research skills to their highest levels.

II. Conclusion

Thus there are various career opportunities in historical research. But history as a subject can be made to cater to more lucrative careers through higher education sector. A history researcher has multiple sources in verifying historical facts this calls for patience and endurance. He has to think outside the historical jurisdiction because history is a multi disciplinary subject with research furthering option. Historical research demands creative strategies as a historian has to track requests documenting timelines and check information. Building relationships with sources is a key component of a researcher's duties hence it is necessary that people need to think about utilizing the sources with tact and curiosity.

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