

**The Survey of English Usage**  
**Department of English Language and Literature**  
**University College London**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Full Time)

*The changing verb phrase in present-day British English*

Salary (to be confirmed), UCL Grade 7: £31,778 - £38,441 (includes a London Allowance of £2,795)

14 months from 1 January 2010

### **The Survey of English Usage**

The Survey of English Usage (SEU) is an English Language research unit, which has been based in the Department of English Language and Literature at University College London for almost half a century ([www.ucl.ac.uk/english-usage](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english-usage)). The Director is Professor Bas Aarts.

### **Duties and responsibilities**

The SEU seeks to fill a position of Postdoctoral Research Fellow. The successful candidate will work on the project 'The changing verb phrase in present-day British English', funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), and will report to the Director. The research tasks are described in detail on the following website:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english-usage/projects/verb-phrase/index.htm>

### **Person specification**

#### **Essential**

- Educated to PhD level in (English) linguistics, preferably with a specialisation in historical linguistics.
- Knowledge of statistics and corpus linguistic methodology.
- Ability to work according to UCL policies, including Equal Opportunities policies.
- Willingness to consult where appropriate.
- Initiative in devising effective procedures for carrying out tasks.
- Good communication skills, oral and written.
- Ability to communicate with staff and students in an academic environment and across departments.
- Good wordprocessing skills (Word, Excel, email, etc.).
- Experience of maintaining effective filing systems.
- Ability to work under minimum of supervisory control and exercise initiative in well-defined areas of work. Ability to schedule tasks accordingly.

#### **Desirable**

- Academic publications in the relevant area of research.

The postholder will carry out any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the line manager.

**Further details**

The Director of the Survey of English Usage is Professor Bas Aarts. He can be contacted for general information (e-mail [b.aarts@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:b.aarts@ucl.ac.uk))

Applications are online ONLY. Please visit: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs>

Click on 'UCL current vacancies', and please register on the site. Then find the announcement for this post and click on 'Apply'.

Closing date: 2 December 2009

Interview date: 9 December 2009