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Critical Historical Studies (ISSN 2754-6225) is an English-language peer-reviewed open access academic journal published annually in the summer by Durham University History Society. It publishes original articles and authoritative book reviews on any historical period and any region of the world, written by undergraduates worldwide.

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Getting Involved

The journal is run by an elected Editor-in-Chief and a number of selected Assistant Editors and Peer-Reviewers. Students can get involved through these editorial positions and by submitting essays for publication.

Applicants must be studying a historical subject at the university level, though they **do not** need to be doing so at Durham University unless applying to be the Editor-in-Chief.

Details about the roles are included in the proceeding pages as well as on the website.

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Editor-in-Chief

The journal's publication is overseen by the Editor-in-Chief.

This role is filled during the Durham University History Society's annual election cycle, elected through the Durham Student's Union by members of the society.

Those applying to this role must submit a manifesto by the deadline announced by the society through its media channels.

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Assistant Editors

The journal looks for around 5/6
Assistant Editors.

Assistant Editors support the Editor-in-Chief on all journal matters and have both editorial and peer-reviewing duties.

Those applying to this role should possess excellent English language skills and a **wide area** of historical competency.

Peer- Reviewers

The journal looks for numerous peer-reviewers.

Peer-Reviewers review anonymous manuscripts submitted to the journal, and provide a recommendation on their suitability for publication.

Those applying to this role should possess excellent English language skills and a particular area of historical specialisation in which they would feel comfortable reviewing essays.

Essay Submissions

Unsolicited articles and reviews can be submitted to the journal at any time, however there will be calls made for papers during the year.

Manuscripts should not have been previously published, nor are under consideration for publication elsewhere.

The full submission guidelines are available on our website and via the below button:

[Guidelines](#)

Why Apply?

The journal provides an opportunity for students to gain recognition for exceptional essays and see if editorial work is something they might be interested in as a career, as well as providing a boost to their CVs.

Editorial roles provide a unique analytical training and put successful applicants from Durham University in good stead for roles on the Durham University History Society Executive Committee. Those intending on applying for Editor-in-Chief in the coming years are particularly encouraged to apply for one of the subsidiary roles.

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How to Apply

Apply via the history society's website:
<https://www.duhistorysoc.org/critical-historical-studies>.

Press the 'Get Involved' button and fill out the form, attaching all relevant materials.

For any further details about the roles please contact the Editor-in-Chief at crit.hist.stud@gmail.com or via the website chat box.

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