

Film Archive Apprenticeship

Footage Farm, based in Soho, are a leading provider of historical archive footage to the TV, film and media industries. They have a unique, exciting opportunity for someone with curiosity and a keen interest in history to join them as an Apprentice.

This opportunity is part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Creative & Digital Media. The programme lasts for 12 months.

It is predominantly based at the employer's premises, along with 8 weeks off-the-job training at a Zenos training centre, where Apprentices will gain industry skills and knowledge, while also developing their work-readiness. Zenos are the training provider for this opportunity.

The training will include the opportunity to gain industry recognised Adobe Certified Associate qualifications with software within Adobe Creative Suite 5.

You will be working towards:

- BTEC Level 3
- NVQ Level 3
- Key Skills/Functional Skills
- Adobe Certified Associate qualification in one or more Creative Suite package

A key duty of this role is in digitizing a large library of analogue tapes to digital formats. This will require familiarity with Final Cut Pro, but where candidates have experience of other non-linear editing packages Footage Farm will provide extra training. If the successful candidate proves their abilities and willingness to learn, there are opportunities for future development by undertaking research for clients.

Skills Required

- Above all else successful candidates must have a genuine, provable interest in history, especially 20th Century history.
- Skills and familiarity with video editing packages such as Final Cut Pro, Avid, Adobe Premiere or similar will be an advantage but not essential if candidates are interested in history and can show a genuine ability to learn.
- The role may involve occasional update of the website which is done with Dreamweaver; any familiarity with this and other web tools such as HTML, CSS, Photoshop and so on will be helpful but again not essential.

Qualifications Required

- Essential - GCSEs including an English pass at A-C or equivalent
- Desirable - GCSE pass or higher in History

Personal Qualities

- Focus and attention to detail are essential alongside strong reading, writing and communication skills. The role will involve management of detailed records which must be kept confidential from clients.
- Positivity and an excellent manner with clients and colleagues. This role will be within a busy team and will also involve dealing with enquiries and orders for clients. Footage Farm have a particular reputation in this area and would expect candidates to work to the same standard.
- Willingness to learn and an absolutely open mind as to where this opportunity can lead. Archival

footage is an essential resource for the media industry and can lead to an excellent career for someone interested in history and the heritage of the moving image. It may not lead to a career in film or tv production and must be recognised in this way.

Applications will close at the end of the month with interviews taking place in April. All applications must go via the National Apprenticeship Service website, and the vacancy can be found in full here:

<http://goo.gl/HYndq>

If you're able to share this with anyone in the London area it'd be a big help – for a young person with interests in this area, wanting to make a career start but where Uni may not be an option, this has a lot of potential. Let me know if you need to know anything else.

Thanks again and best wishes

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