

Research Commission: Go West II: Bristol's film and television industries in transition

Duration: May-June 2020

Contract Fee: £5975

The Moving Image Research Group at UWE Bristol is seeking to commission an experienced researcher with a thorough understanding of the UK film and television industries to carry out a bespoke package of research. This new project is an update of a landmark investigative study, [Go West!](#) (2017), into the film and television industries in Bristol.

Given the rapid pace of change in the creative industries and key recent developments in broadcast commissioning – namely the regionalisation of Channel 4 and the creation of BBC Studios – there is a unique opportunity to revisit the *Go West!* report and track the ways in which these changes have impacted on Bristol's regional production cluster.

The commission will require a significant amount of liaison with companies and organisations in the sector. A key element will involve working with stakeholders to generate data on the current state of the production sector: locating new companies, identifying those that have ceased trading, and obtaining figures regarding turnover, staffing and other key indicators.

In addition, a series of interviews will be conducted with key case-study organisations, facilitated and supervised by the project team leads. Transcripts of these interviews will be analysed, and key findings highlighted.

The primary output of the project will be new report that revises and updates the 2017 *Go West!* volume. The commission will involve editorial contributions to this strand: generating new charts and tables displaying key comparative data on the composition of the industry and its economic and cultural contribution to the region, along with comprehensive case studies of selected new companies.

You will need:

- a working knowledge of the UK Film & Television industries through previous professional or research experience
- demonstrable experience of designing and delivering independent research projects
- experience in data collection, database maintenance and analysis methods appropriate for this commission (i.e. interviewing, surveying)
- to be highly organised, detail oriented, self-motivated and self-administering
- the ability to work independently, and as part of a team
- a willingness and ability to travel across the Bristol region if appropriate

A contract fee of £5975 is available for the work - minus appropriate tax & NI deductions - with a small additional travel budget to support research activities across Bristol where appropriate.

Working hours and days are flexible, but we anticipate that this work will involve an approximate commitment of 38 days between April 1– June 15 2020.

How to apply

Please send a CV (confirming your right to work in the UK) with a covering letter explaining why you are interested in undertaking this commission to:

Andrew2.Spicer@uwe.ac.uk and stephen2.presence@uwe.ac.uk by March 31 2020