

## AQA

### **Item Writers - AS/A-level Religious Studies**

We're looking for subject specialists to work on the production of our new AS and A-level Religious Studies qualifications. By applying for this role, you'll join a team of experts and will have a chance to influence the development of this specification, whilst also developing your own skills as an education professional.

We're looking for individuals with expertise in specific religions (Buddhism 7061/2A and 7062/2A, and Hinduism 7061/2C and 7062/2C) so you will need a thorough knowledge of one of these faiths to be eligible for these roles.

### **About the role**

In this role you would be responsible for creating items and appropriate supporting marking instructions in accordance with the blueprint for these specifications. An item is the term we use for a question or task and the accompanying mark scheme. To write an item you need to be able to produce all of these elements in accordance with specific commissioning guidance.

There isn't a significant time commitment required for this role, which can easily work alongside your teaching or lecturing post. The role is part-time and home-based although you may be required to attend an occasional meeting in one of our offices (Guildford, London or Manchester)

### **Key deliverables**

The key tasks involved in the role include:

- creating a specified number of questions, items or tasks, and accompanying instructions for a specific exam unit
- working in accordance with commissioning guidance
- attending meetings and briefings as required by AQA.

### **What we are looking for**

Candidates for these roles will be education professionals with expertise and passion for their subject. Successful applicants will have an in depth knowledge of Buddhism or Hinduism, and will be familiar with the specification and assessment objectives of one of these faiths.

If appointed, you'll contribute to discussion of the final wording of questions/content of mark schemes so a broad knowledge of a range of faiths would be advantageous. Although you will not be involved in setting the dialogue questions, some knowledge of these would also be useful.

Applicants will have excellent communication and organisational skills, including a particularly good standard of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Much of the associated work will be computer-based, so candidates will need strong IT skills and will be confident in the use of online applications and e-technologies.

Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to work well within a team, as much of the work will involve collaborating with other examiners and senior examiners. You will work well under pressure and consistently meet deadlines.

**How to apply**

For an electronic application pack, please email [seniorrecruitment@aqa.org.uk](mailto:seniorrecruitment@aqa.org.uk), quoting **RSTIW17**.

Please note that the closing date for the role will be Tuesday 5 December 2017