CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Philosophy or Religion, and Liberal Arts; School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science; Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797-£40,322)
Reference: AHCPR1036
Closing Date: 6 April 2021
Start date 1st August 2021

We will consider flexible working and job share arrangements
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Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out research and teaching at the interface of Philosophy, Religion, and Liberal Arts? Do you have an excellent research record and a potential for establishing an international reputation? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Would you like to join and to contribute to the vibrant interdisciplinary School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science at the University of Leeds?

As a Lecturer, you will carry out research and teaching in areas that overlap between Philosophy, Religion, and Liberal Arts in a School that fully integrates philosophy, religion, and history of science. You will bring a demonstrable commitment to promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in your academic practice, and we welcome especially applications from candidates who will contribute to our efforts to diversify our curricula and research.

We have the following particular teaching needs: the delivery, and diversification of, core modules in the interdisciplinary Liberal Arts degree programme (https://courses.leeds.ac.uk/g809/liberal-arts-ba); continental philosophy (especially existentialism); and philosophy of race/race theory. You will teach at all levels of our varied undergraduate programmes, provide dissertation supervision, contribute to appropriate MA programmes, and supervise research students. All of this teaching could be deliverable from the broad perspective of either philosophy or religious studies/theology.

This position includes within it a specific administrative/managerial role: you will be a crucial part of the team providing effective management of the Liberal Arts programme (in addition to taking on any other appropriate administrative duties within School, Faculty and wider University.) You will have a PhD (or be very close to completing a PhD) in Philosophy, Theology/Religious Studies or a cognate discipline, and you will have relevant teaching experience.

What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer at Grade 7, your main duties will include:
• Pursuing a record of high-quality publications and original research;
• Attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, in order to underpin high quality research activity and support a developing research agenda;
• Providing research supervision, and helping to attract students to the University;
• Contributing to one of the Research Centres within the School, as appropriate.
• Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty;
• Undertaking teaching at all levels of our taught programmes (including assessment and examinations, and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms);
• Playing a substantial role in the management of the Liberal Arts programme;
• Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, and resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
• Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty, and University;
• Maintaining high standards of equality and inclusion practice in all areas of academic activity, in line with the institutional Equality and Inclusion Framework.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties, consistent with the grade of the post, may be required.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Lecturer at Grade 7, you will have:
• A PhD (or be close to completing a PhD) in Philosophy, Religious Studies/Theology, or a cognate discipline;
• A track record of research outputs commensurate with your career stage, with publications already completed and further outputs in prospect;
• The potential for establishing an international reputation and a clear plan for future work both for future research assessment exercises and for the pursuit of research grant income;
• The ability to contribute to and develop collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
• A proven record of teaching in a University environment with an enthusiastic approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
• Teaching competence in areas that complement the School’s curricula, including Liberal Arts;
• Enthusiasm for Liberal Arts as an intellectual endeavour, and a vision for how the Liberal Arts programme could be developed;
• Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers;
• Good IT skills, including familiarity with programmes such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook (or equivalents) and the capacity to interact with a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
• The ability to contribute effectively to management and administrative processes and structures;
• Excellent time-management skills.

You may also have
• Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
• Experience in academic or other organisational management roles.
How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our How to Apply information page. Applications should be submitted by 23.59 (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

In addition to the standard application, please upload the following as 5 separate documents:

1. A cover letter which includes the following summary information: Area(s) of Specialisation, Area(s) of Competence, start date of graduate work, PhD completion date (or expected completion date), number of publications in peer-reviewed journals or edited collections and how the essential teaching criterion is satisfied;
2. A standard cv;
3. A research writing sample (maximum 10,000 words);
4. A publication list, with peer-reviewed publications starred, followed by a description of future plans (max 1,000 words) e.g. future article or book plans, elaboration of research themes or projects, possible grant applications, future speaking invitations, conference or workshops plans;
5. A teaching statement (max 1,000 words) making clear how you can augment the philosophy and/or religious studies/theology curricula: Liberal Arts and PRHS undergraduate modules. Please indicate e.g. the modules you might like to teach at Leeds, your experience of teaching, a statement of your approach to teaching, your experience of teaching in different formats, and evidence from course evaluation questionnaires.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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Additional information

Find out more about the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Find out more about the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

Find out more about our Research and associated facilities

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our Working at Leeds information page.

As an international research-intensive university with a strong commitment to student education, we aim to create an inclusive environment that attracts, supports and retains the best students and staff from all backgrounds and from across the world.

In line with this vision, the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures is committed to fostering a culture of inclusion, respect and equality of opportunity. We select candidates on the basis of merit and ability, and aspire to further diversify our Faculty community. We particularly welcome and encourage applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been under-represented in the University including, but not limited to: Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our Accessibility information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any ‘unspent’ criminal offences, including those pending.
Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.