



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Professor of Digital Education
School of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences**



Salary: Grade 10 (Competitive Salary)

Reference: ESLED1129

Closing date: 31 May 2024

The post is full-time and based on campus in Leeds.

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Overview of the role

We are looking for a colleague with significant experience of research, teaching and leadership in the field of Digital Education to help take forward our School's Digital Education Centre to the next phase of its development.

Contributing to initiatives and developments within the field of Digital Education, the role contributes to achieving our ambitious research and teaching strategy. You will provide leadership to and promote development of the School's Research Centre for Digital Education, encouraging co-ordination with University-wide initiatives in pedagogical practice and research. The role involves developing the Centre's outward facing activities, interdisciplinary work and collaboration with academic and non-academic external partners.

Main duties and responsibilities

As Professor of Digital Education, your main duties will include:

- To develop and lead research, innovation and impact at an international level;
- To maintain a high quality record of publications focused on research and pedagogical practice in internationally recognised journals and books;
- To maintain an international profile;
- To attract research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- To provide high quality postgraduate supervision and attract research students to the University;
- To undertake research-led teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and take part in other teaching as required in line with School expectations;
- To provide high quality, consistent and appropriate student support;
- To contribute constructively and positively to ensuring students and colleagues benefit from digital education pedagogical practices at School and Faculty level;
- To lead and/or be fully involved in planning, developing and delivering new modules and programmes in digital education, in line with School strategy;
- To lead and/or be fully involved in module and programme reviews, quality assurance and enhancement;
- To develop and promote innovative approaches to digitally-led learning and teaching practices;



- To represent the School and Faculty on committees and groups as required;
- To contribute constructively and positively to School, Faculty and University management and administrative processes;
- To manage or lead major executive tasks or projects which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance and/or business;
- To contribute constructively to staff recruitment, management and development;
- To provide academic direction in digital education to the Head of School and Faculty as required;
- To contribute to achievement of University, Faculty and School strategy within the context of an international, research-led university;
- To carry out the post in accordance with University values of professionalism, inclusiveness, integrity and community supporting the core value of academic excellence;
- To maintain a safe work environment, including complying with health and safety legislation and undertaking of risk assessments as required.

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

Qualifications and skills

As Professor of Digital Education, you will:

- Have a PhD or other doctorate in a relevant discipline or equivalent research experience;
- Evidence a track record of research and publications that meets international standards of academic excellence;
- Have led and co-led funded projects in digital education, demonstrating potential to develop this individually and collaboratively;
- Have expertise and experience in undertaking research and development of pedagogical practices in Digital Education;
- Have an established track record of effective team working, with experience of staff development;
- Demonstrate the ability to work in an interdisciplinary way, connecting disciplines and research groups;
- Show international links and evidence of effective engagement with and influencing national and international research agendas;



- Evidence willingness and capacity to take on a leadership role in the School;
- Demonstrate excellent organisational and communication skills;
- Evidence understanding of the principles of research-led teaching to deliver an excellent student experience.

You may also:

- Be research-active in an area of Digital Education that aligns with schools, colleges, youth organisations and/or higher education;
- Have expertise in UK or another state system mainstream education or higher education;
- Have experience of working with stakeholders from the professional education sector voluntary sector and non-academic as well as academic partners;
- Have a strong public engagement record.

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, 31 May 2024.

Your application should include:

- A **statement** addressing the criteria and evidencing how you believe your existing knowledge and experience equips you to carry out the role;
- Your **curriculum vitae** giving full details of qualifications and experience.

Contact information

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

Professor Vanessa Kind, Head of the School of Education

Email: v.kind@leeds.ac.uk



Additional information

About the role

You will be responsible to the Executive Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#).

Find out more about our [School of Education](#).

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Our University

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the School of Education we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

Information for disabled candidates

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at hr@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.

