



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Research Fellow in Living Gender in Diverse Times, Faculty of Education,
Social Sciences and Law**



Salary: Grade 7 (£32,548– £38,833 p.a.)

The salary spine point is subject to external funding conditions which will limit the salary at which an appointment can be made to a maximum of £32,548

Reference: ESLSS1035

Closing date: 18 January 2018

Two posts available, fixed-term until 30 November 2020

We will consider flexible working arrangements

Research Fellow in Living Gender in Diverse Times **School of Sociology and Social Policy, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law**

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in Social Sciences with an interest in gender and/or youth studies? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

Applications are invited for a Research Fellow to work on a major ESRC funded international study into young people's understandings and practice of gender in the contemporary UK. The project is led by Dr Sally Hines as Principle Investigator. The study seeks to explore young people's understandings and practices of gender in contemporary UK society through a number of conceptual and substantive lenses: identity, embodiment and expression; practices of intimate and family life; peer and friendship networks; leisure and social media spaces; spaces of education and work; the media. The project will employ a range of qualitative methods including interviews, focus groups, virtual research and theatre performance.

With a background in the social sciences, you will be willing to work across disciplinary boundaries, and will possess excellent research and analytical, as well as the ability to deal with a variety of tasks to strict deadlines. The ability to work independently and as part of a team are essential, as are very strong organisational skills.

The role will be based in Leeds (UK) although some short-term national and international travel will be required.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Conducting, transcribing, coding and analysing qualitative research under the supervision of the project team. Research will include individual and focus group interviews and virtual research;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to your own work;
- Developing and managing the project's social media and website;
- Collaborating with the project team and external members and partners to meet research objectives and milestones;
- Undertaking appropriate organisational and administrative tasks connected to the project and its dissemination;



- Preparing and presenting research findings to academic, professional and non-professional audiences;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and independently writing research bulletins and reports;
- Participating in stakeholder engagement and outreach activities;
- Developing and maintaining networks related to the project;
- Managing the competing pressures and deadlines of research, writing for publication and administrative demands;
- Maintaining an up to date specialist subject knowledge relevant to the research you are engaged in and continuing to update your knowledge and develop your professional skills.

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

What will you bring to the role?

As a Research Fellow you will have:

- A first degree and PhD (or close to completion) in Social Sciences or a closely allied discipline;
- Demonstrable experience of conducting research; carrying out individual and focus group interviews, transcribing, collating, coding and analysing empirical data sets, in the area of Social Sciences or related field, with a sensitivity to research ethics and the ability to carry out research reflexively;
- Knowledge of current academic research in the areas of gender studies and/or youth studies;
- Experience of organising workshops and/or events involving engagement with academic and non-academic stakeholders;
- Experience of using and managing social media;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.



You may also have:

- Experience of working with members of gender diverse communities;
- Experience of working with a diverse range of young people in a research or professional capacity;
- Knowledge of current academic research in related areas such as gender and media (including social media), youth and inequalities, gender and education;
- Familiarity of conducting virtual research methods;
- Evidence of existing publications and the generation of research outputs of nationally excellent and international quality in a field relevant to the post;
- Evidence of engagement with national and/or international research groups or professional networks as relevant to the project;
- Experience of interdisciplinary research;
- Competency in NVIVO and Endnote.

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.

Contact information

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

Dr Sally Hines, Associate Professor

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Additional information

About the job

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

Find out more about our [School of Sociology and Social Policy](#).

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.



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.

