



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Research Fellow in Childhood and Youth,
Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law**



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

Reference: ESLED1056

Closing date: 17 August 2018

Available from 1 October 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Fixed term to 30 June 2020

Research Fellow in Childhood and Youth

School of Education, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law

Are you an ambitious early career researcher with a track record in high-quality research on education and contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally? Do you have experience of writing high-quality research funding applications or organising cross-sectoral projects aiming at achieving broader impact beyond academia? Do you want to further your research career in one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities?

Applications are invited for a Post-Doc Research Fellowship in the Centre for Childhood, Education and Social Justice to:

- (a) Develop and support research funding applications in collaboration with colleagues within the Centre, and
- (b) Support existing research as well as conduct new primary research, which may involve relevant fields such as education, psychology, sociology and anthropology of childhood as well as inter- and trans-disciplinary collaboration.

You will have experience of writing high-quality research funding applications and undertaking research and/or of organising cross-sectoral projects addressing contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally.

While this position requires full time presence at the University of Leeds, some travel within the United Kingdom and overnight stays will be involved and travel overseas may also be required. You will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills and will demonstrate an ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team.

As part of your application, please could you submit copies of your two strongest publications? These should represent your best work in terms of originality, significance and rigour and both should be published since January 2014. One could be a draft that has been submitted or is close to submission.



What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow in Childhood and Youth your main duties will include:

- Collaborating on research, publication and impact-related activities addressing education and contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally;
- Developing, supporting and writing proposals for research and impact funding in collaboration with colleagues within the Centre for Childhood, Education and Social Justice;
- Being an active researcher, conducting primary research, planning and undertaking fieldwork, designing research instruments and analysing data;
- Preparing and collaborating on papers for publication in major refereed journals;
- Drafting project reports and presenting research findings to academic and professional audiences, communicating complex data in accessible ways;
- Maintaining an up to date knowledge of relevant literature and of developments in education and training;
- Participating actively as a member of the Centre for Childhood, Education and Social Justice as well as the broader School of Education;
- Contributing to the development of the Centre profile, nationally and internationally;
- Using your initiative and creativity to identify areas for research and channels for impact, seeking opportunities for interdisciplinary work within Leeds Social Sciences Institute and across the university;
- Contributing to teaching at a variety of levels within the School of Education (as part of your academic development).

Your time will be shared between:

- a) supporting existing research and conducting new primary research and publishing research findings, and
- b) developing and supporting research and impact funding applications from colleagues within the Centre for Childhood, Education and Social Justice.

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 in Childhood and Youth you will have:

- A first degree and a doctorate in the field of education (or a relevant social science discipline) or a relevant postgraduate qualification in education (or a relevant social science discipline) with advanced research skills and training;
- Ability to contribute to the international profile of the School of Education within the field of Childhood and Youth;
- A clear research agenda in relation to education and contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally;
- Experience of carrying out high-quality research on education and contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally;
- A record of, or demonstrated potential for, producing internationally excellent research outputs in relation to contemporary challenges children and young people are facing locally and/or globally;
- A record of, or demonstrated potential for, developing and writing collaborative high-quality research applications and for securing substantial external research or impact funding;
- The ability to teach aspects of core modules on the BA Childhood Studies;
- Excellent time management and planning skills, with the ability to work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including giving presentations and engaging effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- A proven ability to work well both independently and in a team.

You may also have:

- Experience of participation in large-scale externally-funded research projects and teams;
- Experience of cross-sectorial, policy and impact-related funding and projects, including collaboration with NGOs, industry partners, policy makers or other relevant stakeholders.



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:

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Additional information

About the role

The role reports to Professor Jeremy Higham. It is on a fixed term basis because the post is to support the research activities left as a result of his tenure as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. As such, this post is linked to that role and is available until 30 June 2020, but may be brought to an end sooner in the event that he ceases to be Executive Dean by the University giving you three months' notice in writing.

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Working at Leeds

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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 (Exceptions) Order 1975

This post requires an enhanced and barred list criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of these checks in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.

