



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Associate Professor in Economics, Leeds University Business School



Salary: Grade 9 (£50,132– £58,089 p.a.)

Reference: LUBSC1338

Closing date: 26 September 2018

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

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Are you an experienced and influential academic with the proven ability to carry out teaching and research in Economics? Do you have an excellent research track record, proven success obtaining funding and the vision and drive to tackle new challenges? Are you passionate about delivering world leading research and an exceptional student experience?

We are looking for an outstanding candidate to join the Economics Division of Leeds University Business School during an exciting phase in our development. Our highly popular and vibrant teaching programmes are expanding whilst our research activities continue to grow. The Division's strong research focus supports our leadership and membership of several high-profile, large-scale research initiatives including projects in the areas of financialisation, infrastructure provision, and the Cities research theme launched by the University of Leeds. The Division is connected via teaching and research to other faculties at the University of Leeds and is pursuing a distinctive and high-impact interdisciplinary agenda.

As Associate Professor, you will make a significant contribution to the Economics Division's research, teaching and academic leadership. We are open to candidates in all areas of Economics, but would particularly welcome applications from those who can demonstrate a track record of research in areas related to the Division's large-scale projects and impact initiatives.

We would also welcome candidates with a track-record of teaching in the area of applied econometrics.

What does the role entail?

As an Associate Professor in Economics your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, leading and developing the strategic direction of research, innovation and impact within the Economics Division; attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile within the economics discipline;



- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications that are of national and international standing;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the Division and University;
- Providing high quality supervision and attracting research students to the University;
- Undertaking research-led, innovative teaching at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses including assessment; regularly collecting and responding to student feedback; mentoring colleagues in the teaching team;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the Economics Division as required;
- Contributing to the management and administrative processes and committee structures of the Division, Faculty and University;
- Managing or leading major initiatives or areas of work (as either sustained or one-off projects) as well as taking on leadership roles which facilitate Divisional, Faculty or University performance or business as required.

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 an Associate Professor in Economics you will have:

- A PhD in Economics;
- A proven track record of high quality research, as evidenced by research in Economics with a proven track record of achievement as an author of refereed publications (equivalent to being listed as A and A- journals internationally, or 4* and 3* in the UK);
- An international reputation, including a sustained track record of raising research funds from national and international funding agencies;
- Significant experience of teaching effectively and innovatively in area of applied econometrics, including significant roles in module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate or postgraduate students;



- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills to operate effectively within the role;
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of building trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity.

You may also have:

- Experience of PhD supervision, acting as primary supervisor to successful doctoral graduates;
- Ability to build partnerships with industrial, professional and public sector organisations on interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and funding.

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

The Economics Division represents and professes a realistic and policy-relevant economics that seeks to address and resolve real-world challenges through high-impact research and research-led teaching. It promotes understanding of a distinctively broad range of perspectives within the economics discipline and engages flexibly with other disciplines – business-related, social sciences, and STEM – in order



to solve complex real-world problems and to lead large-scale interdisciplinary research projects.

The Economics Division, which has close to 30 faculty members, is experiencing an expansion in both its teaching and research activity. This post will support the continuation of high quality delivery in these two key areas.

The Division provides a number of highly popular undergraduate programmes in Economics, Business Economics and Economics and Finance as well as supporting a full range of joint honours programmes and contributing economics modules for other programmes across the University. The quality of our provision is high. For example, we rank fourth among Russell Group universities (Guardian League Table, 2017) in terms of the quality of our economics teaching and student experience. The Economics Division also has dedicated MSc programmes in Economics and a large and vibrant community of PhD students.

The teaching duties of this post will contribute to delivery on the above programmes and will include both core theory and applied topics. We are particularly interested in candidates with teaching experience in the area of applied econometrics. We are seeking candidates with experience of leading modules in economics and who have a track record of delivery of high quality, innovative, challenging and inspiring teaching. The ability to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate research dissertations is also required. On research, we are looking for candidates who can complement and advance current research and research projects within the Division.

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.

