



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Law & Social Justice, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199- £39,609 p.a.) or 8 (£40,792 - £48,677 p.a.)**

**Reference: ESLLW1111**

**Closing date: 15 October 2018**

## **Lecturer in Law and Social Justice**

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

**Are you an outstanding individual with expertise in social care, disability, family, and/or child law with ambition to contribute to the further development of the School's Centre for Law & Social Justice? Do you want to be part of a thriving law school in a Russell Group University? Are you passionate about delivering world-leading research and an exceptional student experience?**

The School of Law at Leeds is a successful, dynamic law school, which was ranked 8th overall in the UK for the quality of its research in REF 2014 and 4th for the impact of its research on society. We are seeking to appoint a high calibre individual with a strong research and teaching profile to complement our existing research strengths in disability, health, access to justice, family relations, transgender rights, legal theory, reproductive rights, and human rights. The successful candidate will contribute to the national and international profile and standing of the Centre for Law and Social Justice which is one of the School's highly successful research centres.

The post is open to those with expertise in the field of social care, disability, family and/or child law.

As a research active academic, you will be expected to maintain a strong research and publication record, and to enhance the School's research activities and research culture.

You will deliver undergraduate and taught postgraduate modules in appropriate subject areas, including but not limited to social care and disability law. You will also supervise dissertations and PhD candidates. You will be expected to undertake a normal load of administrative duties within the School and work within the context of University values and policies, which are designed to promote dignity, diversity and inclusiveness.

The appointment offers considerable potential for personal initiative and fulfilment through work within a centre of research excellence and a growing law school.



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 Lecturer in Law & Social Justice (Grade 7) your main duties will include:

- Supporting and contributing to research, innovation and impact activities;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Being involved in attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being involved in postgraduate supervision;
- Delivery of research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and taking part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- Contributing to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes;
- Involvement in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- Contributing to the development of innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching;
- Contributing to the support and guidance of students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing to the administrative processes and committee structures of the school, faculty or university.

As a Lecturer in Law & Social Justice (Grade 8) your main duties will also include:

- Pursuing, developing and taking forward research, innovation and impact at national and international levels;
- Carrying out programmes of research;
- Promoting the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the school and faculty;
- Attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where



- appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being involved in postgraduate supervision;
  - Making a significant contribution to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes within the subject area;
  - Having a significant involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
  - Developing innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching;
  - Providing support and guidance to students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
  - Managing or leading major executive tasks (as either sustained or one-off projects) which facilitate school, faculty or university performance or business;
  - Involvement in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues.

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 in Law & Social Justice (Grade 7) you will have:

- Either a first degree and a doctorate in Law or relevant allied discipline (this includes work submitted for assessment, but not yet examined) or a relevant postgraduate qualification in law or a cognate discipline or professional qualification or equivalent;
- A clear research agenda that enhances and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of one or more of the School's Research Centres;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects;
- Evidence of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications;
- A proven record of teaching in a University or professional environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- An ability to contribute to teaching in family, child and/or health care law as well as core LLB subjects;



- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials including an awareness of the potential of current educational technological advances in learning and teaching;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills, and the ability to collaborate effectively with peers and inspire colleagues and students;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of securing external research funding and successfully completing funded research projects;
- Experience of contributing to the review and development of modules and/or programmes;
- Experience of supervising research students;
- Experience of developing teaching materials in undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching;
- Experience of module management and review.

As a Lecturer in Law & Social Justice (Grade 8) you will also have:

- A sustained track record of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications.

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate teaching and research supervision;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future.

## 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:

### **Professor Alastair Mullis, Head of School**

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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 the faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. <http://www.essl.leeds.ac.uk>

Find out more about our School of Law. [www.law.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk)

### **Working at Leeds**

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's 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](mailto: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 accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.

