



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

University Academic Fellow in Artificial Intelligence  
School of Computing, Faculty of Engineering



**Salary: Grade 8 (£40,792 – £48,677 p.a.)**

**Reference: ENGCP1093**

**Closing date: 10 March 2019**

**We will consider flexible working arrangements**

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**Are you an experienced and ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a strong research background in Artificial Intelligence? Do you want to further your career in a World-Leading research group and a research-intensive Russell Group University?**

With a vision and drive to contribute to a World-Leading research portfolio, as well as a passion for undertaking research-led teaching, you will make a significant impact on the performance, stature and profile of research and student education at The University of Leeds.

The School of Computing has a long-standing reputation in Artificial Intelligence research and education. Our research is broadly based, covering several areas of robotics and artificial intelligence. Through this diversity we are playing a leading role in the global trend towards the re-integration of artificial intelligence, particularly in developing synergies between the areas of computer vision, knowledge representation and reasoning, machine learning, robotics, bio-inspired systems, natural language processing, and augmentation of human intelligence. The University is a partner in [The Alan Turing Institute](#), the national institute for data science and artificial intelligence, with the mission to make great leaps in research to change the world for the better.

This position is part of a strategic initiative to extend the depth and breadth of our activity across the University, through collaboration with other disciplinary areas, including medicine, engineering, finance, environmental sciences, and humanities. This recognises the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence in many areas of academic research, particularly through the application of deep learning and others areas of machine learning. For this reason, we particularly welcome applications from researchers working in the area of machine learning.

**Career Pathway:** Tenure track equivalent post requiring successful completion of a 5 year development plan, leading to appointment to a grade 9 Associate Professor, with the potential for accelerated progression.

### **What does the role entail?**

As a University Academic Fellow your main duties will include:

- Pursuing a programme of individual and collaborative research, resulting in high quality publications and a national and international profile and engaging with industry as appropriate to attract and co-ordinate major initiatives;

- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests, in the School, Faculty and University;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Developing a strategy to ensure that your research has the potential for impact beyond academia;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, with engagement in continual improvement in response to student and other feedback;
- Contributing to the design, development and planning of teaching modules and policy within the subject area as required;
- Working in partnership with students to provide outstanding education and an excellent student experience;
- Contributing to the management of the School or cross university interdisciplinary initiatives by taking on appropriate leadership, management and administrative responsibility;
- Leading academic initiatives and projects in research and student education which facilitate School, Faculty and/or University development;
- Participating in the recruitment, management and development of staff as well as acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues;
- Contributing to the development of the discipline or research area, including close engagement with The Alan Turing Institute;
- Contributing to the development and achievement of University, faculty and school strategy within the context of an international, research-led university;
- Becoming a specialist in the field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development;
- Carrying out the duties of the post in accordance with University policies, procedures, values and standards, including the Leadership and Management standard.

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 University Academic Fellow you will have:

- A PhD (or equivalent qualification) in a relevant field, for example Computer Science;
- Significant research expertise in Artificial Intelligence;
- Evidence of the potential to secure significant external funding to support your research activity;

- A clear and compelling academic plan that will deliver academic and more general impact at an international level;
- A clear strategy to connect across the different research groups within the University;
- Significant proven research experience within the academic discipline with a developing record of internationally excellent publications;
- Experience of presenting at national and international conferences and/or symposia;
- Evidence of building strong working relationships within and, as appropriate, beyond your own discipline and to contribute to successful projects and collaborations;
- The potential and commitment to undertake high quality and innovative teaching and gain a higher education teaching qualification or award;
- Experience of delivering and engaging with student education where opportunities have existed;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, and a strong ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally with students, academic and external audiences;
- The ability to lead projects and organise, balance and prioritise work commitments.

You may also have:

- Experience of applying machine learning in other disciplinary areas (e.g. biology, environmental sciences), and within external applications (e.g. medicine, finance);
- Experience of leading on projects and initiatives, including managing resources and conflicting priorities within challenging circumstances;
- A growing track record of successful and innovative teaching at both undergraduate and/or postgraduate level;
- Experience of involvement in postgraduate research supervision;
- Experience of working collaboratively with external partner organisations;
- Experience of mentoring in the workplace.

## 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

For any queries, please email: [UAFSupport@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:UAFSupport@leeds.ac.uk)

To explore the post further, please contact:

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## **Additional information**

### **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](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 in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.