



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Railway Economics

Institute for Transport Studies, Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 8 (£40,792-48,677p.a.)

Reference: ENVTR1084

Closing date: 29 April 2019

We will consider flexible working arrangements

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Are you interested in working for a global leader in transport research and education? Would you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities? Do you have a background in economics and have an interest in applying your skills to applications in the railway sector?

What does the role entail?

We are looking for a highly motivated and talented individual who can deliver excellent research and teaching in the field of railway economics and management.

The successful applicant will contribute to the development and delivery of specialist modules in the area of railway operations, management and policy, as part of the new Railway Operation, Management and Policy Masters education programme in the University, to commence in September 2019.

The candidate will be able to demonstrate an excellent academic potential and an established track record of high-quality and innovative research activity around economics and/or econometrics– with applications to the transport sector. The post holder will be a member of academic staff in the Institute for Transport Studies, which has significant strengths in transport economics and modelling, with particular pedigree in rail economics. The post holder will also contribute to the growing activity of the newly-established cross-University Institute of High Speed Rail and System Integration.

Policy impact is at the core of our analysis and our rail research has been used extensively by policy and industry bodies including [Office of Rail and Road](#) and the [European Commission](#). More widely, we have also played a central role in developing the [UK Department for Transport's Web TAG appraisal guidelines](#), and have authored appraisal methods for the UK authorities, the EU and World Bank

You will be highly motivated, enthusiastic, and have strong analytical and statistical skills, with particular background and experience in economics covering broad elements of demand and/or supply analysis, such as: understanding and forecasting the behaviour of consumers, firms and markets; pricing and revenue forecasting; and modelling costs and efficiency. Our research bridges the gap between academe and practice – and we seek to deliver excellent research with high impact.



As a lecturer, you will take a pro-active role in conducting high-quality and innovative teaching and research, and in establishing oneself as an independent researcher. You should be capable of:

- Delivering high standards of teaching and learning, striving for excellent student experience;
- Providing support, guidance and timely feedback to students, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Delivering excellent research, and maintaining a record of high quality publications of national and international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms.

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 Lecturer you will have:

- A PhD in economics, econometrics, or similar;
- A strong educational and/or practical background in economics, econometrics, or similar;
- A track record of research outputs within the area of transportation, in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- An ability to develop and deliver a range of courses in the field of railway operations, management and policy;
- Evidence of contribution to and development of collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- Proven experience of developing and delivering teaching at undergraduate and/or postgraduate levels;



- 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.

You may also have:

- Experience of providing postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of contributing to academic leadership.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. The call for applications will remain open until the position is filled.

Contact information

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

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Additional information

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Find out more about our [Research and associated facilities](#).

Find out more about Equality and Inclusion and Athena Swan in the [Faculty](#) and the [University](#).

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.

