



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Professor/ Associate Professor in Media and Politics, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Associate Professor, Grade 9 (£50,132– £58,089 p.a.), Professor, Grade 10 (competitive salary)

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Professor/ Associate Professor in Media and Politics School of Media and Communication, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Are you an outstanding academic with passion and enthusiasm for your research? Do you want to be part of a thriving media and communication school in a Russell Group University? Are you an experienced academic leader looking for a challenging senior leadership position?

The School of Media and Communication at the University of Leeds is a vibrant and highly ranked department with a commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. We are ranked in the top three in the UK for Communication and Media Studies (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018) and 22nd in the world (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019). In the 2014 REF exercise we were placed in the top ten departments in the UK with 82% of our research judged to be either 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

We are looking to appoint a Professor or Associate Professor to join us to provide leadership across the range of the School's activities. The successful candidate will be expected to enhance the School's research and teaching activities and work with colleagues to build on the School's reputation for excellence in political communication. We are seeking applicants who can contribute to world-leading research on the relationship between the media and politics, broadly conceived. This may include (but is not limited to): the relationships between communication and political attitudes/behaviour; the civic roles of the media; emerging technologies and forms of political participation; and the significance of news for politics and civil society.

The School is keenly interested in diversifying its staff and welcomes applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in media and communication, including but not limited to ethnic minorities.

What does the role entail?

As an Associate Professor in Media and Politics, your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, leading and developing the strategic direction of research, innovation and impact at an appropriately benchmarked level, attracting



research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity and programmes/projects;

- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications that are of nationally and internationally standing;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School, Faculty and University;
- Providing high quality postgraduate supervision and attracting research students to the University, and to supervise other students as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses, regularly collecting, and responding to, student feedback as well as being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Contributing to the management and administrative processes and committee structures of the School, 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 School, Faculty or University performance or business as required;
- Adhering to University values and standards, upholding high professional standards and leading by example.

As a Professor, your main duties will also include:

- Undertaking internationally leading research and playing a leadership role in research within and beyond the School;
- Developing applications for research funding either individually or in collaboration with others and developing and maintaining networks with Research councils and external organisations;
- Delivering inspirational teaching and taking a leadership role in translating excellence in research and scholarship into learning opportunities for students;
- Making a dynamic, ambitious, energetic contribution to the development and delivery of the School's academic mission;
- Contributing to the strategic academic development, direction and leadership of the School, Faculty and University;



- Attracting high quality postgraduate research students to the University and providing them with excellent supervision;
- Supporting and mentoring colleagues to nurture academic talent;
- Promoting the discipline nationally and internationally, winning prestige for the discipline, School and University.

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 Media and Politics, you will have:

- A PhD in media and communication or another related subject;
- A track record of research and publication meeting international standards of academic excellence, including a significant quantity of 3* and 4* REF equivalent published work that has had a demonstrable academic impact;
- International networks and evidence of effective engagement with external organisations;
- A track record of innovative, high quality, research funding applications;
- A track record of innovative and impactful teaching that indicates an ability to inspire students;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate or postgraduate students;
- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills to operate effectively within the role; including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects;
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of the ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity.

For appointment at Professorial level, you will also have:

- A track record of sustained delivery of ambitious and imaginative academic leadership;
- A track record of securing, leading and completing funded research projects;
- Extensive experience mentoring early career researchers and PhD candidates;



- A willingness and capacity to take on a significant role in Faculty/School leadership.

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. «closing date: insert hyperlink to job advert on Stonefish»

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, 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.

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.

