



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

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



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

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Closing date: 23 May 2019

Post available from September 2019

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Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in media and communication with a particular focus on health, science or the environment? Are you passionate about tackling real-world challenges through interdisciplinary solutions-focused research?

The School of Media and Communication at the University of Leeds is a highly ranked department with a vibrant research culture and a commitment to excellence in teaching.

The School seeks to appoint an Associate Professor in Media and Communication to join us from September 2019. You will have a PhD in media or communication studies, or a related area, and a developing record of research commensurate with the level of the post and with a clear evidence of your ability to achieve internationally recognised standards of excellence. You will have experience in leading innovative research projects with demonstrable impact and you will be a committed teacher and outstanding communicator able to contribute to teaching and administrative activities in the school. We are seeking candidates working in the areas of health, science or environmental communication, broadly conceived.

What does the role entail?

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

- Developing and leading innovative research projects in line with the School's ambition to foster interdisciplinary research with demonstrable impact;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research, innovation and impact at a national and international level as well as contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Attracting research funding to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;



- 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; mentoring colleagues in the teaching team;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty and University;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract PhD students to the University;
- Taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business.

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 communication, you will have:

- A PhD in media and communication or another related subject;
- A track record of research outputs commensurate with career stage, that indicate the potential to achieve the very highest standards of research in the field of media and communication;
- Evidence of research leadership and impact;
- Success in obtaining competitive research support funding;
- Significant experience of teaching effectively at all levels within higher education, including module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate and postgraduate students;
- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills operate effectively within the role; including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects;
- Higher Education Academy accreditation, or a willingness to seek accreditation;



- A good knowledge of the field of media, communication and cultural studies in general;
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity.

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

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.

