



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Economics Division, Leeds
University Business School



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £39,609 p.a.) starting salary will be at the minimum point on the scale.

Reference: LUBSC1393

Closing date: 30 May 2019

Fixed-term for 2 years

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

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Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a research background in economics? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

The Economics Division of Leeds University Business School is in an exciting phase of development. Our highly popular and vibrant teaching programmes are expanding whilst our research activities continue to grow, through the pursuit of a distinctive and high-impact interdisciplinary agenda tackling a range of global challenges.

Crucial to the Division's success has been the development of a successful track record of doctoral supervision and a thriving community of early career researchers.

Building on this success, the Economics Division is launching a post-doctoral scheme, with a structured programme of support leading to quality publications and grant applications. The aim is to support up to four post-doctoral fellows and we are looking for applicants with a high potential to develop an academic career.

What does the role entail?

As a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow you will undertake research connected to one of the core research themes of the Economics Division (detailed in the 'additional information on research and research themes' document). With the support of established academics within the relevant theme you will:

- Work on submission of high-quality articles that have the potential to be world class in terms of their rigour, significance and originality. The expectation of one article submission per year;
- By the end of year 2, the expectation would be that the post-doctoral fellow would be in a position to apply for an individual grant, or play a significant part in a collaborative grant proposal;
- Develop career plans via ongoing, structured mentoring, with appropriate colleagues within the Economics Division;
- Contribute towards dissertation supervision;
- Mentor post-graduate research students in the Economics Division;



- Participate in and contribute to the research culture at the Division, in particular the research theme of which you are a part.

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 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow you will have:

- Recently completed PhD, or a PhD that will be submitted within three months of starting the fellowship, in economics. If the PhD has not been completed strong evidence of potential to submit within the first three months of the fellowship will be needed;
- Experience of research dissemination, such as articles submitted to journals, conference papers, workshop presentations, book reviews or blog;
- Teaching experience, such as seminar support and dissertation supervision;
- Well-developed methodological skills, supported by recognised doctoral training of high quality (such as at an ESRC recognised Doctoral Training Partnership);
- Excellent presentation skills, both in terms of written work and oral delivery;
- A record of training in advanced research skills;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

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.

In addition to the application form candidates will be asked to submit:

- Full Curriculum vitae, including any examples of academic awards and prizes;
- A proposal for the post-doctoral fellowship (maximum of 4 sides of A4) – to include plans for the development of key publications and an outline for how your research will be developed through a new research project. It is important that the proposal should clearly connect to one of the research themes of the



Division. These themes are elaborated in the 'additional information on research and research themes' section below. Connection with the themes is vital to ensure appropriate mentoring arrangements can be supported and the proposal fits with the Division's core research priorities;

- Statement from PhD supervisors about the applicant's academic potential, in terms of career development, publications and how they would benefit from a position in the Economics Division of LUBS;
- Example of written work, such as a PhD chapter or draft article.

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.

