



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £39,609 p.a.)

Reference: ESLSS1052

Closing date: 3 July 2019

Fixed-term, available from 1 September 2019 for 2 years

Teaching Fellow in Sociology and Social Policy

School of Sociology and Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences

Do you have the ability to motivate and inspire learners? Do you have a clear commitment to creating and delivering an excellent student experience? Do you have a background in Sociology, Social Policy or a related discipline?

Since 1946 the School of Sociology and Social Policy has been a leading international university department for theoretically-engaged, socially-relevant and broadly conceived sociological studies. The School provides one of the largest university environments for research and teaching in sociology and social policy in the UK, and continues the proud tradition of social sciences in Leeds that began in 1909 soon after the University itself was founded. The School pioneered Disability Studies, it has played a prominent role in the development of realist methodologies and qualitative longitudinal research, the study of genders, bodies and technologies, life course, youth and family research and the articulation between critical race theory and postcolonial/decolonial studies.

The School has a strong commitment to providing excellent research led teaching together with an outstanding student experience across our taught provision at undergraduate and postgraduate level. We welcome applications from candidates with interests relating to two or more of these areas: Social Policy, Media and Culture, Crime and Research Methods and the proven ability to teach across the discipline. It is anticipated that successful candidates will be able to demonstrate experience in teaching across at least two of these areas.

You will have proven teaching capability with recent successful experience in teaching across a range of modules. You should also have experience of supervising undergraduate and taught postgraduate dissertations. You should be committed to providing an excellent student experience and have an understanding of the needs of a diverse student body. You will also have good communication and organisational skills, including the ability to manage your time effectively and an ability to prioritise tasks.



What does the role entail?

As a Teaching Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking a full teaching load (as measured against the university's norm);
- Being involved in teaching at all levels and taking part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- Teaching and supervising UG and PG dissertations across the discipline;
- Contributing to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes within the relevant subject area;
- Being involved in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- Contributing to the development and management of innovative approaches to learning and teaching;
- Contributing to the support and guidance of students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Being involved in the assessment of course work;
- Contributing to school and faculty policy and practice in teaching;
- Contributing to the administrative processes and committee structures of the school, faculty or 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 a Teaching Fellow you will have:

- A PhD (or a PhD that is submitted no later than 31 January 2020) in Sociology, Social Policy or a relevant allied discipline;
- Experience of contributing to the effective delivery of teaching;
- The ability to teach and supervise UG and PG dissertations across the discipline;
- The ability to work flexibly across the discipline;
- Experience of contributing to the review and development of modules and/or programmes;
- Evidence of an awareness of the potential of current educational and technological advances in learning and teaching;



- Evidence of an awareness and understanding of current research and of having integrated this into your own teaching;
- Evidence of identifying and using appropriate teaching techniques/ methodologies;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills and the ability to communicate effectively to an academic audience and other stakeholders as appropriate;
- A capacity to enthuse others, work successfully as a member of a team and demonstrate an awareness of the benefits of collaborative working;
- An ability to work effectively, responsibly and independently, and to work under pressure;
- Good organisational ability, including the ability to manage time effectively and prioritise tasks;
- Good IT skills.

You may also have:

- Excellence in teaching, as evidenced for example in student feedback obtained from teaching or peer review;
- A teaching qualification;
- Experience of developing teaching materials in undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching;
- Experience of module management and review;
- An appreciation of the policy and strategic issues currently affecting teaching in higher education.



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.

We are committed to promoting a diverse workforce and welcome applications from all sections of the community irrespective of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, religious beliefs or disability.

Contact information

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

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Additional information

About the job

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about the [School of Sociology and Social Policy](#).

Working at Leeds

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area in our [Working at Leeds](#) section.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found in our [Accessibility](#) section 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.

