CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Religion and Global Development, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £39,609 p.a. pro rata)
Reference: AHCPR1028
Closing date: 8 July 2019

50% FTE, Fixed-term for 12 months (Due to funding)
We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements
Teaching Fellow in Religion and Global Development  
School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science,  
Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures 

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching in the area of Religion and Global Development? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Would you like to join and contribute to the vibrant Religious Studies community, which is embedded within the interdisciplinary School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science?

As Teaching Fellow you will carry out teaching in the areas of Religious Studies and Global Development. It is also essential that you should be able to contribute to our Level 1 modules, ‘Religion, Politics and Society in the Modern World’ and ‘Introduction to the Study of Religions’, as well as our Level 2 module ‘Religion, Gender and Society’.

You will be asked to lead the Level 3 and Masters modules ‘Religions and Global Development’ in Semester 1 and will, in addition, be asked to contribute to other modules in the area of Religious Studies. Teaching on these other modules will be done collaboratively.

You will be asked to undertake the normal range of duties that arise in connection with the teaching of undergraduate and taught Masters modules, including lecturing, seminars, dissertation supervision and assessment, and will be able to teach at all levels of our varied programmes. Additionally, you will participate in and contribute to activities centred around the vibrant Centre for Religion and Public Life.

You will have submitted your PhD thesis in the area of Religious Studies and have relevant subject expertise and teaching experience.

What does the role entail?

As a Teaching Fellow your main duties will include:

- Undertaking teaching at all levels of our taught programmes, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
• Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
• Developing and utilising innovative approaches to teaching and learning;
• Maintaining a scholarly interest in developments in;
  o Religious Studies,
  o pedagogical research and
  o activities of the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
• Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty 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 a Teaching Fellow you will have:
• Submitted PhD in Religious Studies by 1 October 2019;
• A proven record of teaching in a University environment with an enthusiastic approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
• Experience of proactively developing new teaching and assessment approaches and materials;
• Teaching experience and expertise in Religions and Global Development, Gender and Religion, Religions of Asia;
• Experience of leading seminars and stimulating active student participation and engagement while sensitively negotiating individual student needs (e.g. needs pertaining to health);
• The potential to contribute actively to the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
• Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers;
• Familiarity with Microsoft Office programmes, such as Word and Excel; PowerPoint; Outlook (or close equivalents); and the capacity to interact with a Virtual Learning Environment;
• The ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures;
• Excellent time-management skills.

You may also have:
• The potential to contribute to scholarship relevant to Religious Studies;
• Expertise in religions, and especially of gender and religion, in China.
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:

Professor Johanna Stiebert, Deputy Head of School
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Additional information

Find out more about the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures.
Find out more about the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science.
Find out more about the Centre for Religion and Public Life.

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.