



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Technical Architect, IT



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

**Reference: CSUIT1277**

**We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements**

# Technical Architect IT

**Are you an enthusiastic and skilled IT professional who can contribute to the delivery of IT solutions? Do you have a desire to increase your Business and IT Systems architecture skills and knowledge? Are you interested in supporting the delivery of the University's digital transformation?**

This role is a great first step into a career in IT Architecture. You will be joining IT Services at one of the biggest Universities in the UK to work on strategic Programmes that underpin critical University systems and processes. You will need to be able to get up to speed quickly and have excellent relationship building skills.

As part of the University's Architecture team you will play a key role in supporting programme and project delivery. The current portfolio of IT delivery work spans our Web, ERP, MI, Student and Research information systems. We also have significant programmes of investment across the IT enablers including our Data Centres, Networks, Storage and Computer infrastructure. Alongside this we will be changing the way we support Identity and Cyber Security management.

As a Technical Architect you will help realise the benefits of these investments by supporting project delivery, understanding business needs and in the development of appropriate business and IT architectures.

You will work collaboratively with our Architecture team, project managers, business representatives, end-users and technical teams within IT and the wider University to deliver systems that support effective and efficient business processes and align with University Strategy.

If you thrive working in a complex and varied environment this is an exciting opportunity for you to make a real difference in a world class organisation.



## What does the role entail?

As a Technical Architect your main duties will include:

- Undertaking solution architecture activities, including documenting business, application and technology architectures through to collaboratively working with a range of stakeholders from IT and the wider University;
- Working closely with Solution and Enterprise Architects and technical teams you will be responsible for the design of enterprise solutions and interfaces which underpin the functions of the University;
- Providing technical options and recommendations for IT projects;
- Ensuring compliance to policies, standards and target architecture;
- Developing innovative methods for exploiting new and existing platform capabilities;
- Supporting the development and definition of IT standards and ensuring alignment with these as part of project delivery;
- Contributing to the delivery of solutions that move our overall architecture forwards, in line with University of Leeds Strategy;
- Providing projects with support and assurance to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- Leading on the definition of non-functional requirements;
- Identifying and reporting delivery issues and risks as appropriate and working to mitigate or minimise impacts;
- Maintaining a good relationship with project teams, internal and external customers and suppliers in order to ensure effective and efficient solutions are delivered;
- Peer reviewing the design artefacts of others.

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 Technical Architect you will have:

- Experience of effectively analysing problems and data, presenting solutions and information in a meaningful way to a diverse range of stakeholders;



- Leadership qualities with the capability to contribute to successful project delivery in a large organisation;
- Experience of supporting the creation of architecture assessment and definition for business applications and infrastructure design and migration in complex environments;
- Awareness of architectural principles across business applications, infrastructure and cloud technologies, including assurance of regulatory, legislative and industry practices;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to articulate changes to stakeholders with differing levels of technical knowledge and the ability to influence the outputs of others you are not directly responsible for;
- Experience of working to deadlines, prioritising a complex range of tasks to ensure delivery in a role which has made competing demands on your time;
- Commitment to ongoing personal and professional development;
- Enthusiasm for the professional discipline of architecture and the ability to champion the benefits of good architecture.

You may also have:

- A degree in a technical or computer related subject;
- TOGAF or BCS Architecture certification;
- Experience in using diagramming techniques at varying levels of detail for a solution design;
- Experience of modelling software.

## 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

Find out more about [IT](#).

### 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](mailto: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.

