



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Chair in Law and Social Justice, Faculty of Social Sciences



**Salary: Grade 10 (within professorial range)**

**Reference: ESLLW1124**

**Closing date: 8 September 2019**

## **Chair in Law and Social Justice**

### **School of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Are you an outstanding individual with passion and enthusiasm about your research and teaching in law and social justice? Do you have the ambition to play a significant role in the further development of the School's Centre for Law & Social Justice? Do you want to be part of a thriving law school in a Russell Group University? Are you an experienced academic leader looking for a challenging senior leadership position?**

The School of Law at Leeds is a successful, dynamic law school strongly committed to achieving excellence in both student education and research. We were ranked 8th overall in the UK for the quality of our research in REF 2014 and 4th for the impact of our research on society and have continued to invest to strengthen further our research centres. We are equally proud of our results in the National Student Survey over the last few years and student education lies at the heart of all we do.

We are looking to appoint a Professor in Law and Social Justice. The core purpose of the role will be to provide leadership in the further development of the School as a centre for both research and teaching in this area, based upon an excellent record of academic publications.

The successful candidate will be expected to enhance the School's research and teaching activities and culture, working with colleagues to build its international profile and standing. This appointment to a major role in a dynamic and growing School of Law offers considerable potential for personal initiative and fulfilment.

We particularly welcome female, black and minority ethnic, and LGBTQ applicants, who are under-represented within the Law School at this level.

We will consider flexible or shared working arrangements.

### **What does the role entail?**

As a Chair in Law and Social Justice, your main duties will include:

- Establishing and leading a world-class research programme achieving sustained high levels of research funding individually and/or in collaboration with others and maintaining high quality research outputs in leading internationally-recognised publications;



- Inspiring students through research-led teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses, taking a lead role in the development of modules and programmes and achieving high standards of student feedback;
- Promoting the area of law and social justice within the School, University, nationally and internationally winning prestige for both the area of law and the University;
- Representing the University externally, developing and maintaining networks and promoting links with Research Councils and external organisations;
- Providing a major contribution to the strategic academic development, direction and leadership of the School as well as making a significant contribution to the University through its governance structures;
- Supporting and mentoring less experienced academic and research staff to promote career development and the nurturing of academic talent;
- Attracting high quality postgraduate research students to the University and providing them with excellent supervision which supports timely completion and subsequent employability;
- Leading and delivering major initiatives and/or multidisciplinary areas of work which improve the School, Faculty or University performance.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties consistent with the grade of the post maybe required.

## What will you bring to the role?

As a Chair in Law and Social Justice you will have:

- An undergraduate degree in law or degree in another relevant subject;
- A postgraduate degree in law or a cognate discipline or professional qualification or equivalent;
- The ability to lead research programmes of the type that will contribute to the research, innovation and impact agendas at national and international levels;
- A clear research agenda that enhances and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of the Centre for Law and Social Justice;
- An excellent track record of research outputs in appropriate areas of law and social justice research, meeting international standards of academic excellence, including a significant quantity that would meet the standard of 3\* and 4\* REF equivalent published research;



- The ability to develop international links with other leading research groups or centres and/or evidence of effective engagement with and influencing national and international research agendas;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- The ability to work across subject areas, linking appropriately with other disciplines and research groups and lead significant components of multidisciplinary initiatives;
- An understanding of the principles of research-led teaching and a track record of integrating research with learning and teaching to deliver an excellent student experience, and the ability to lead the development of a portfolio of modules or courses;
- A track record of sustained delivery of ambitious and imaginative academic leadership both by own work and through the encouragement and stimulation of colleagues;
- A track record of effective team working and collaborative development;
- The willingness and capacity to take on a significant role in the School's development with the ability to think laterally, to be imaginative and to anticipate trends and opportunities;
- Excellent organisational and communication skills.

## 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.

### Applications should include the following:

- a completed **online application form**;
- an **extended statement** of how, if successful, you would envisage fulfilling the requirements of the post;
- a copy of your **curriculum vitae**;
- pdf copies of **three** of your chosen publications.



## Contact information

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

### **Professor Alastair Mullis, Head of School**

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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 [Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law](#).

Find out more about our [School of Law](#).

Find out more about the [Centre for Law and Social Justice](#).

### **Working at Leeds**

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's 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 accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.

