



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Ecology and Global Change, School of Geography



Salary: Grade 8 (£40,792 – 48,677 p.a.)

Reference: ENVGE1096

Closing date: 25 September 2019

We will consider job share / flexible working arrangements

Lecturer in Ecology and Global Change, School of Geography, Faculty of the Environment

Are you an academic with a proven ability to teach and research in ecology and environmental change, or related topics? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Are you determined to develop research funding and high-quality publications in the area of ecology and environmental science?

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and ambitious Lecturer to join our Ecology and Global Change cluster. Current strengths of this vibrant and internationally recognised group include world-class research and teaching in terrestrial ecosystem ecology, biogeochemistry and environmental change. With this position we are looking to grow and strengthen our teaching and research capacity further. Your role will be to provide high-quality, innovative teaching within ecology and environmental change, and to develop an active research agenda. Candidates working in these and complementary areas - for example environmental remote sensing, paleoecology, or ecophysiology - are welcome to apply. You will also plan and deliver teaching in key research skills in physical geography – these may include data analysis and research planning. You will contribute to the development and delivery of new modules, with opportunities for leadership in undergraduate or graduate course design. You will aspire to attract research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and outputs.

You will have a PhD in Ecology, Environmental Science, Geography or similar discipline. You will have a passion for University teaching and be an excellent and enthusiastic communicator who interacts successfully with students at all levels. You will have a track record of international research publications and be developing a research agenda. This position offers excellent development opportunities, with clear promotion criteria.

What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer your main duties will include:



- Undertaking teaching at all undergraduate levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support, guidance and timely feedback to students, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Developing teaching leadership, including design and strengthening of masters level teaching;
- Maintaining a record of high quality publications of national and international standing;
- Attracting funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level, as well as contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate 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 may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Lecturer you will have:

- A PhD in ecology, environmental change, geography or a relevant subject;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching in ecology or environmental change and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials;
- An ability to contribute to teaching administration and processes, including contributing to new interdisciplinary programme development;
- A track record of refereed research outputs of internationally excellent quality within ecology, environmental change, or related areas;
- A clear agenda for future research including strong plans for obtaining external research funding.



You may also have:

- Experience of having designed and led one or more undergraduate modules;
- Experience of having provided postgraduate student supervision.

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. Your application should include:

- a **supporting statement** highlighting how you meet each of the criteria for the role and how you believe your existing knowledge and experience equips you for performing the role;
- a copy of your **curriculum vitae** giving full details of qualifications and experience.

Contact information

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

[Professor Robert Vanderbeck](#), Head of School.

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Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Environment](#) and the [School of Geography](#).

Find out more about the Faculty's [Research](#)

Find out more about [Athena Swan](#) in the Faculty.

A diverse workforce

The Faculty of Environment has been awarded the Athena SWAN bronze award for our work on advancing gender equality across the three schools. The Athena SWAN charter and awards seek to identify, promote and share good practice in advancing equality across genders in academia. This means analysing the journey from



undergraduate applications through postgraduate study right up to the recruitment and retention of professorial staff and identifying how to improve.

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.

