UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Solutions Architect, IT

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

Reference: CSUIT1292

We will consider flexible working arrangements

Solutions Architect
IT

Are you a highly skilled, delivery focused Solutions Architect with experience of contributing to successful business change programmes? Do you have exceptional Business and IT Systems architecture skills? Are you interested in supporting the delivery of the University's digital transformation?

We are looking for a Solution Architect to join IT 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 Compute infrastructure. Alongside this we will be changing the way we support Identity and Cyber Security management.

As a Solutions Architect you will help realise the benefits of these investments by taking a lead role in project delivery, the analysis of business needs and in the development of appropriate business and IT architectures.

You will work collaboratively with 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 Solutions Architect your main duties will include:
- Taking the lead role in the analysis of project requirements and the development of appropriate business and IT architectures;

- 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;
- Providing projects with support and assurance to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- Identifying and reporting delivery issues and risks as appropriate and working to mitigate or minimise impacts;
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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 Solutions Architect you will have:
- Experience of leading successful project delivery in a large organisation as either an architect or design lead;
- Experience of architecture assessment and definition of business applications and infrastructure design and migration in complex environments;
- Excellent understanding and experience of applying architectural principles across business applications, infrastructure and cloud technologies, including assurance of regulatory, legislative and industry practices;
- Experience of effectively analysing problems and data, presenting solutions, and information in a meaningful way to diverse range of stakeholders;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to articulate changes to business processes 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.

You may also have:

- A degree in a technical or computer related subject;
- TOGAF or BCS Architect certification.

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.

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.