



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Professor of Animal Growth and Development, Faculty of Biological Sciences**



**Salary: Grade 10 (£60,905 – £74,863 p.a.)**

**Reference: FBSBY1114**

**Closing date: 8 December 2019**

**Permanent full-time or part-time options available**

**We will also consider flexible working arrangements**

## **Professor of Animal Growth and Development**

### **School of Biology**

**Do you have an excellent research track record with the vision and drive to tackle new challenges? Are you passionate about delivering world leading research and an exceptional student experience in the area of Livestock Growth and Development?**

We are looking for someone with expertise in growth physiology, functional foods, nutrition and in understanding the interactions between the animal and the animal's environment to work with our expanding team of livestock scientists at the new CIEL@Leeds National Pig Centre Facility. The successful candidate should have an excellent international reputation with a wide network of contacts in both academia and industry and should work across the boundary between fundamental and applied research producing work that has high scientific impact and strong industry relevance.

The University of Leeds and the Faculty of Biological Sciences are committed to providing equal opportunities for all and offer a range of family friendly policies. The University is a charter member of Athena SWAN (the national body that promotes gender equality in higher education), and the Faculty of Biological Sciences was reawarded a Bronze award in 2017. We are proud to be an inclusive Faculty that values all staff, and are happy to consider job share applications and requests for flexible working arrangements from our employees. Our Athena SWAN [webpage](#) provides more information.

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

As a Professor, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking internationally leading research and inspirational teaching. Taking a leadership role in translating excellence in research and scholarship into learning opportunities for students;
- Establishing and maintaining an ambitious, high quality record of research output in internationally leading publications whilst achieving sustained high levels of research funding, particularly through interdisciplinary academic activity in collaboration with others;



- Playing a significant role in the wider academic or professional community, recognised by peers as an academic leader in your field;
- Representing the University externally, professing and promoting your discipline nationally and internationally, winning prestige for the discipline, and the University;
- Contributing to the strategic academic development, direction and leadership of the Faculty and University;
- Providing effective PhD supervision, as well as supporting and mentoring colleagues to nurture our academic talent;
- Taking a leading role in supporting our commitment to sustainability;
- Research focus: Leading external collaborative research, innovation or knowledge exchange through work with organisations, industry, government, public and third sectors or other equivalent groups or networks.

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 Professor, you will have:

- A PhD or other doctorate in Animal Science related discipline;
- A high-level track record of leading research programmes and shaping research, innovation and impact agendas at national and international levels;
- A track record of research publication meeting international standards of academic excellence and that has had a demonstrable academic impact;
- Sustained levels of obtaining research funding individually and/or in collaboration with others;
- The ability to turn excellence in research and scholarship, into inspirational teaching and learning opportunities for our students;
- The ability to work across subject areas, linking appropriately with other disciplines and research groups and operating effectively within different political environments;
- A willingness and demonstrated capacity to take on a significant leadership role in University academic development with the ability to think laterally, to be imaginative and to anticipate trends and opportunities;
- Excellent organisational and communication skills with the ability to build international networks and create successful partnerships;





- The ability to provide effective PhD supervision and personal tutoring, along with a track record in helping less experienced academic staff to progress successfully in their careers;
- A commitment to promoting and supporting sustainability, diversity, equality and inclusion.

## 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 providing evidence to support each requirement listed on the 'What will you bring to the role' section of the Candidate Brief (no more than two sides of A4, minimum font size 11);
- An academic curriculum vitae, including a list of your publications.

## Contact information

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

**Professor Lisa Collins, Head of the School of Biology**

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## Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Biological Sciences](#) and the [School of Biology](#)

### 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.

