



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Language Education, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797 - £40,322 p.a.) or Grade 8 (£41,526 - £49,553 p.a.)

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Available from 1 August 2020

We will consider flexible working arrangements

Lecturer in Language Education

School of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in TESOL, Applied Linguistics and Language Education? Do you have an excellent research record and proven success in obtaining funding? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

As a Lecturer, you will carry out research, teaching and management within the school, faculty and university and contribute to academic leadership in the field of Education with specific emphasis on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and language education. You will be part of the Centre for Language Education which is nationally and internationally recognised for its range of teaching and research in Language Education, TESOL and Applied Linguistics.

We are one of the largest Language Education groups in the UK. As education practitioners, we have a wide range of experience of teaching and teacher education in many contexts in the UK and around the world, and as researchers, we have a broad range of expertise across the discipline and beyond.

Language Education at Leeds aims to achieve global recognition and impact for its research and teaching, providing cutting-edge research and research-informed education for the next generation of leaders in language teaching worldwide.

We have proven research strengths in many areas in relation to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Language Description, Language Teacher Education and Modern Foreign Languages. We lead and contribute to BA, MA, EdD and PhD programmes, providing high quality teaching and supervision, leading towards internationally recognised and prestigious qualifications, in a friendly and supportive environment.

With a doctorate in the field of Language Education or a related discipline you will have a track record of research outputs of internationally excellent quality and a proven record of high-quality teaching in a University environment.



What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer in Language Education (Grade 7) your main duties will include:

- Supporting and contributing to research, innovation and impact activities;
- Establishing a high quality record of regular and original research publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Being involved in attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being involved in postgraduate supervision;
- Delivery of research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and taking part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- Contributing to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes;
- Involvement in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- Contributing to the development of innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching;
- Contributing to the support and guidance of students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing to the administrative processes and committee structures of the school, faculty or university.

As a Lecturer in Language Education (Grade 8) your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, developing and taking forward research, innovation and impact at national and international levels;
- Carrying out programmes of research, including investigations and project management;
- Promoting the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the school and faculty;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;



- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Developing innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- 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 or business;
- Involvement in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues.

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 Lecturer in Language Education (Grade 7) you will have:

- A first degree and a doctorate in Language Education or relevant allied discipline (this includes work submitted for assessment, but not yet examined);
- A clear research agenda that complements the current research profile of the Centre for Language Education Research and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of the School of Education;
- The ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects and the ambition to make connections to strategic research themes at Leeds;
- Evidence of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- An ability to contribute to teaching in the field of Language Education and in particular in various approaches to understanding and analysing language;



- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials including an awareness of the potential of current educational technological advances in learning and teaching;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills, and the ability to collaborate effectively with peers and inspire colleagues and students;
- The ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- A specialism in conversation analysis, discourse analysis, narrative inquiry, ethnography of communication, corpus linguistics, or related;
- Experience of securing external research funding and successfully completing funded research projects;
- Experience of effective use of social media for dissemination of academic research to various audiences;
- Experience of working with partners outside academia;
- Experience of contributing to the review and development of modules and/or programmes;
- Experience of supervising research students;
- Experience of developing teaching materials in undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching;
- Experience of module management and review;
- The ability to engage with local and national educational community through relevant ITE providers on research and scholarship issues of language education.

As a Lecturer in Language Education (Grade 8) in addition to the above, you will also have:

- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- A sustained track record of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications;
- Experience of contributing to the effective delivery of teaching including evidence of identifying and using appropriate teaching techniques/ methodologies.



You may also have:

- Experience of programme/academic leadership;
- Experience of postgraduate teaching and research supervision.
- The ability to engage with local and national educational community through relevant ITE providers on research and scholarship issues of language education.

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

About the role

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#).

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



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.

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.

