UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Associate Professor in Digital Innovation Design, School of Design, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Salary: Associate Professor, Grade 9 (£51,034–£59,135 p.a.)

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Closing Date: 28 April 2021

Full time (1.0 FTE)

Post available from September 2021

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Are you an outstanding academic with passion and enthusiasm for your research? Do you want to be part of a thriving School of Design in a Russell Group University? Are you an experienced academic leader looking for a challenging senior position where you can influence and shape the future of design education?

The School of Design is seeking to appoint an Associate Professor with proven abilities to deliver world class teaching and research on the relationship between Digital Innovation Design, Design Thinking, Human Centred Design and Emerging Digital Technologies. This may involve, but is not limited to, application to a range of design related sectors including, for example, Branding & Marketing, Retail & Fashion, Health & Education (to name only a few). The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership across the range of the School's activities, enhance the School's research and teaching activities, and work with colleagues to build on the School's reputation for excellence in Digital Innovation Design.

You will have a PhD in Digital Innovation Design, or related area, have an established record of research publications commensurate with the level of the post, and a proven strategy for securing research funding and achieving internationally recognised standards of excellence. This appointment represents a major investment in the School's commitment to the evolution and influence of digital technology and innovation across all research and learning and teaching activities, and one offering considerable potential for personal career development and fulfilment.

What does the role entail?

As an Associate Professor in Digital Innovation Design, your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, leading and developing the strategic direction of research, innovation and impact at an appropriately benchmarked level, attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity and programmes/projects;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;

- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications that are of nationally and internationally standing;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School, Faculty and University;
- Providing high quality postgraduate supervision and attracting research students to the University, and to supervise other students as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses, regularly collecting, and responding to, student feedback as well as being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Contributing to the management and administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty and University;
- Managing or leading major initiatives or areas of work (as either sustained or one-off projects) as well as taking on leadership roles which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business as required.

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 an Associate Professor in Digital Innovation Design, you will have:

- A PhD in Digital Innovation Design or another related subject;
- An international reputation, including a sustained track record of raising research funds from national and international funding agencies;
- A sustained track record of research outputs as a single or main author of refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Significant experience of teaching effectively at all levels within higher education, including module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate or postgraduate students;
- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills to operate effectively within the role; including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects;

- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of the ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity.

You may also have:
- Experience of PhD supervision, acting as primary supervisor to successful doctoral graduates;
- Ability to build partnerships with industrial, professional and public sector organisations on interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and funding.

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:

Professor Maria Lonsdale, Head of School, School of Design
Email: m.lonsdale@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

The School has established a broad portfolio of Design-focused programmes at Undergraduate and Masters level and the successful candidate will be expected to not only contribute but also shape the academic agenda.

The School of Design at the University of Leeds is a vibrant and highly ranked department with a commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. We are ranked in the top five in the UK for Art and Design (Complete University Guide 2021) and in the top 100 in the world (QS World Rankings 2021). In the 2014 REF exercise we were 8th in the UK for research impact in design.

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.