



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Ecology, School of Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences



Salary: Grade 8 (£41,526 – £49,553 p.a.)

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Interviews are expected to take place on Wednesday 9 June 2021

We will consider flexible working arrangements

Lecturer in Ecology School of Biology

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a passion to educate the next generation of undergraduate and post graduate Ecologists, Biologists and Zoologists? Do you have an established background in ecology or behavioural ecology? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading Universities in research and teaching excellence?

We are looking to expand our core Ecology expertise by recruiting an academic specialising in ecology, behavioural ecology, population dynamics, conservation or a related discipline. We are particularly keen to hear from researchers with a track record of working with vertebrates.

You will develop a growing local, national and international network of contacts in academia, industry, conservation and policy. Working across the boundary between fundamental and applied research, you will strive for science that makes a real-world difference.

You should have a PhD in ecology, behavioural ecology population dynamics, conservation or a related discipline with a track record of research outputs in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;

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 awarded a Silver award in 2020. 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 Lecturer, your main duties will include:

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level, as well as contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Maintaining a record of high-quality publications of national and international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University:
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, including residential field courses, assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Contributing to the design and teaching of our existing MSc in Biodiversity and Conservation and our exciting new MSc in the area of Global Conservation and Sustainability
- Developing new teaching in ecology and behavioural ecology;
- 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.

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 (at a level appropriate to your career stage):

- A PhD in ecology, behavioural ecology population dynamics, conservation or a related discipline;



- A track record of research outputs in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- Experience appropriate to career stage of teaching in a University and field environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching innovation and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of working with vertebrate species;
- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of developing and/or delivering continuous professional development modules/online short courses;
- Experience of programme/academic leadership.

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:

[Lisa Collins](#), Professor of Animal Science, Head of School of Biology

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'Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.'

Additional information

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

Find out more about the cross-University research and innovation through [Priestley International Centre for Climate](#), [Sustainability Research Institute](#), [Policy@Leeds](#), [Water@Leeds](#), [Global Food and Environment Institute](#) and the [Leeds Institute for Data Analytics](#).

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.

