



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Professor of Philosophy of Science, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 10 – competitive salary

Reference: AHCPR1037

Closing date: 24 May 2021

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

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Are you a world-leading academic with passion and enthusiasm for your research in the philosophy of science? Do you want to be part of a thriving school in a Russell Group University? Are you an experienced and successful academic leader looking for a challenging senior leadership position?

We are looking to appoint a Professor to provide academic leadership primarily within the Centre for History and Philosophy of Science (HPS), but also in the wider School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science (PRHS), the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures (AHC) and, where necessary, at University level. As Professor, you will be expected to produce world-leading research of your own, collaborate with others to enhance HPS's (and PRHS's) research, impact, and teaching activities, and in so doing develop our international profile and standing.

What does the role entail?

As Professor, your main duties will include:

- Playing a dynamic leadership role in the strategic academic development of HPS, PRHS, the Faculty and, if required, the University;
- Undertaking world-leading research of your own in the philosophy of science, as well as collaborating with others to enhance HPS's (and PRHS's) international research profile;
- Having an international research profile in metaphysics, thereby enabling you to contribute substantially to research activity within the Centre for Metaphysics and Mind (CMM) and supervise PhD students in metaphysics;
- Delivering inspirational, research-informed teaching;
- Professing and promoting the philosophy of science and metaphysics nationally and internationally, thereby winning prestige for these disciplines, PRHS, and the University;
- Developing applications for research funding, either individually or in collaboration with others, and developing and maintaining networks with research councils and external organisations;



- Attracting high-quality postgraduate research students to the University and providing them with excellent supervision;
- Supporting and mentoring colleagues within HPS, CMM and PRHS, in order to nurture academic talent;
- Adhering to University values and standards, upholding high professional standards, and leading by example.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required by the Head of School/Executive Dean consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As Professor you will have:

- A PhD in Philosophy or a cognate discipline;
- A track record of ambitious, imaginative, and successful academic leadership;
- The capacity and commitment to provide successful academic leadership within HPS, PRHS, and AHC;
- An international profile in the philosophy of science and metaphysics;
- A track record of research and publication meeting international standards of academic excellence, including a significant quantity of 4* REF equivalent published work that has had a demonstrable academic impact;
- A track record of innovative high quality applications for research funding;
- A track record of innovative and research-informed teaching that indicates the ability to inspire students;
- A demonstrable commitment to promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in your academic practice.



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 all of the following:

- A cover letter specifying area(s) of specialisation, area(s) of competence, and how you fulfil the role's research leadership, research, and teaching criteria;
- A copy of your curriculum vitae giving full details of qualifications and experience;
- A recent research writing sample (10,000 words max.);
- A description of future research plans (1000 words max.).

Contact information

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

Prof Julian Dodd, Head of the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

As an international research-intensive university with a strong commitment to student education, we aim to create an inclusive environment that attracts, supports and retains the best students and staff from all backgrounds and from across the world.

In line with this vision, the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures is committed to fostering a culture of inclusion, respect and equality of opportunity. We select candidates on the basis of merit and ability, and aspire to further diversify our Faculty community. We particularly welcome and encourage applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been under-represented in the University including, but not limited to: Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities.



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.

