



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research and Teaching Fellow in Romantic Literature

School of English, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797– £40,322 p.a.)**

**A maximum salary of £33,797 p.a. can be paid due to funding restrictions**

**Reference: AHCEN1053**

**Fixed term basis from 01 September 2021 until 31 August 2022**

**We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements**

# Research and Teaching Fellow in Romantic Literature

## School of English, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

**Are you a dedicated researcher and teacher looking for your next challenge?  
Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities?**

This unique and varied role will enable you to make a major contribution both to a research project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and to undergraduate lecturing and teaching in a flourishing School of English.

As a researcher on the AHRC project '[Experiments in Land and Society, 1793–1833](#)' you will collaborate with the Principal Investigator, Dr Jeremy Davies, on work that aims to deepen understandings of the relationship between literature and environmental change in Romantic-period Britain.

You will also make an important contribution to teaching in the School, designing and delivering lectures and seminars on a range of modules. You may be asked to convene a specialist level 3 module on 'Romantic Lyric Poetry'; to contribute to the level 2 core modules 'Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Writing' and 'Literature of the Romantic Period'; to supervise undergraduate research projects; and to take responsibility for academic personal tutees. You will join an intellectual community whose diverse interests span the full range of the discipline from medieval and early modern literature to the medical, digital and environmental humanities.

Please include a writing sample with your application. This should be an article- or chapter-length piece of work, published or unpublished, that represents your research interests and approach.

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

As a Research and Teaching Fellow you will:

- Contribute to the intellectual agenda of the project as a whole, with a special focus on research in archives relating to Robert Owen (New Lanark; the University of Glasgow; the National Co-operative Archive, Manchester) and/or to John Thelwall (the Jerwood Centre, Grasmere; Derby Library);



- Write or co-author one or more publications based on your research, and present your findings at conferences;
- Work with Wordsworth Grasmere and Lancashire Wildlife Trust on public-facing events and resources arising from project research;
- Take lead responsibility for organising an online conference, 'Culture and Environment in Britain, 1688–1851';
- Design and deliver small-group seminar teaching to provide a stimulating and supportive learning environment for students; prepare high quality learning resources; and write and present accessible and academically rigorous lectures;
- Prepare students for assessment tasks through appropriate guidance; assess written work; and provide timely, constructive feedback in accordance with published marking criteria;
- Gather and respond to feedback from students and colleagues, and evaluate teaching in the light of experience and students' achievement;
- Maintain accurate records of students' attendance; ensure accurate record-keeping in relation to assessments; and punctually complete administrative tasks associated with module delivery;
- Contribute to School and Faculty policy and practice in teaching and maintain your own continuing professional development.

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 Research and Teaching Fellow you will have:

- A first degree and PhD (completed or very close to completion) in English Literature or a related discipline;
- A proven ability to conduct excellent research in eighteenth- and/or nineteenth-century studies, and to complete original research projects to a high standard;
- An interest in environmental approaches to the study of literature and culture;



- Experience of teaching English Literature in a university environment, and of interacting with students in ways that enhance the student experience;
- Good time management and planning skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and a proven ability to manage competing demands effectively and to work well as part of a team;

You may also have:

- A track record of research, published or of publishable quality, that makes use of archival or manuscript sources; contributes to environmental or ecocritical fields of study; and/or examines the history of radical thought;
- Experience of organising collaborative academic events, workshops, or conferences, or of contributing to the running of academic associations;
- Experience of working with non-academic partner organisations in a university environment;
- A higher education teaching qualification;
- Experience of successfully delivering lectures in a university environment.

## 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:

**Dr Jeremy Davies, Associate Professor of English**

Email: [J.G.H.Davies@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:J.G.H.Davies@leeds.ac.uk)

**Professor Andrew Warnes, Head of School**

Email: [A.Warnes@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:A.Warnes@leeds.ac.uk)

## Additional information



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

[Find out more about our equality and inclusion policies.](#)

### **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.

