



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lectureship in Medical Humanities, School of English, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£34,304 – £40,927 p.a.)

Due to funding constraints, an appointment is unlikely to be made above £36,382

Reference: AHCEN1057

Full time, ongoing

We will consider flexible working and job share arrangements

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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?

The School of English wishes to appoint an outstanding candidate to a full-time, permanent lectureship in Medical Humanities. As a lecturer, you will join the Medical Humanities team in the School of English and will consolidate and extend the team's existing research and teaching strengths. You will have a first degree and PhD in English or other relevant discipline and experience of university teaching. You will be an active scholar developing your research profile in your area(s) of academic specialism related to the Medical Humanities, and you will have produced high quality research outputs/publications commensurate with your career stage. This post is funded initially via a Wellcome Trust Research Development Award, and through the activities of this research grant you will have opportunities to participate in collaborative and experimental research activities, cross-sector engagement and impact work, and to access career development opportunities in the Medical Humanities and English Studies more widely.

You will be an active member of the School's Medical Humanities Research Group, which brings together researchers who work on a broad range of topics across the interaction between literature/culture and medicine and health. Our focus is interdisciplinary, and we have strong connections with colleagues in medical engineering, history of science, immersive technologies and health sciences, as well as service users and other partners across the city. Our research approach is to utilise the critical thinking practices of the arts and humanities to ask questions rooted in experiences, practices, representations and histories of medicine, health, illness, disability and care. We use fictions, cultural theory and the creative arts to develop innovative approaches to exploring meanings of medicine and health.

As a lecturer, you will contribute to delivering and developing our teaching in the Medical Humanities. You will design and deliver lectures and seminars on core modules; supervise undergraduate final year dissertations; and will have the opportunity to devise and teach option modules relating to Medical Humanities. You



may also be asked to contribute to taught postgraduate modules. You will take an active role in the citizenship of the School and will be expected to engage with its culture of interdisciplinary research and research-led teaching.

What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer, your main duties will include:

- **Teaching:** delivering research-led teaching to provide a stimulating, supportive and relevant learning environment for students; preparing high quality learning resources including effective use of technology to enhance learning; writing and presenting academically rigorous and intellectually challenging lectures which support the learning objectives of the module; taking personal responsibility for the design, delivery and style of teaching delivered;
- **Assessment and Feedback:** preparing students for assessment tasks by appropriate guidance; grading work once submitted and providing timely, constructive feedback in accordance with and with reference to published marking criteria;
- **Evaluation:** facilitating the process of gaining feedback from students and evaluating module teaching in the light of experience, students' achievement and feedback;
- **Research:** Maintaining a high-quality record of regular and original research publications and outputs that are internationally significant and appropriate to the REF (Research Excellence Framework); applying for research income to underpin high quality research activity and programmes/projects; a commitment to and development of impact-related activities;
- **Supervision and support:** acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate; providing high-quality supervision of taught postgraduate dissertations;
- **Administration:** maintaining an accurate record of student attendance; ensuring accurate record-keeping in relation to assessments; completing any administrative tasks associated with module delivery by the required deadlines;
- **Pursuing the strategic direction of the School** involving all aspects of research, innovation and impact at an appropriate level;



- Developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining a high-quality record of regular and original research publications and outputs;
- Promoting the integration of your research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School, Faculty and University.

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:

- A first degree and PhD in English or other relevant discipline;
- A strong background in Medical Humanities research, in any period or specialism;
- A commitment to inter- and cross-disciplinary research;
- Demonstrated experience of teaching in a university environment, and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- A record of high quality research publications, commensurate with career stage;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team.
- You may also have:
 - A teaching qualification;
 - Expertise in blended learning approaches.



How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Please include the following with your application:

- Cover letter
- CV
- 2 page outline plans for research over the next 3-5 years
- Writing sample (article or book chapter length)

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 Hazel Hutchison, Head of School

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Our commitment to inclusion

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.



Additional information

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.

