



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Belonging,
Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences



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

Reference: EPSCV1057

Closing date: Friday 07 January 2022

Fixed-term for 1 year

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

Research Fellow in Belonging, School of Civil Engineering & School of Psychology

Are you an experienced and ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge in an academic career? Do you have a background in Pedagogical Research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading Universities? Are you looking for a new and exciting challenge as part of a world class sense of belonging team? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional research outputs?

As a Research Fellow in Belonging at Leeds, you will be part of a world-leading Research Group responsible for delivering cutting edge research activities in the student experience. We are looking for highly motivated applicants who would like to further develop their skills on multi-disciplinary research between psychology and architecture.

You will have a PhD in Psychology, Social Sciences, Architecture or a closely allied discipline. You will also have a strong experience and background in social science research in Universities, and a well-recognised ability to produce high quality written research outputs.

Working with Professor Paul Taylor (Dean of Student Education) and Louise Banahene (Director of Educational Engagement) your work will contribute to the implementation of the Access and Student Success strategy at the University of Leeds with opportunity to share your work, in this context, institutionally and beyond.

The post will be supervised by Dr Gehan Selim, Lead of the Architecture & Urbanism Research Group and Dr Pam Birtill, School of Psychology.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Working with and in support of Dr Gehan Selim and Dr Pam Birtill on the overall delivery of a portfolio of funded projects and research outputs;
- Generating and pursuing independent and original research ideas in the area of Education and Sense of Belonging;



- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research group and team, including preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;
- Designing, conducting, and analysing empirical studies to address questions regarding sense of belonging in educational contexts;
- Conducting a systematic literature review in the area of Education and sense of belonging;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and disseminating research results through other recognised forms of output;
- Working both independently and also as part of a larger team of researchers and engaging in knowledge-transfer activities where appropriate and feasible.

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 Fellow you will have:

- A PhD in Psychology, Education, Architecture, or a closely allied discipline;
- A strong background in Psychology, Education or Architecture research;
- Excellent quantitative and qualitative research skills;
- A proven track record of peer-reviewed publications in high impact factor journals;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- Be prepared to work sensitively, reflexively, and under instruction from the research team;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in multidisciplinary teams.

You may also have:

- Experience of pursuing external funding to support research;
- Experience of the ability to interact with PhD students and provide general support, when needed.



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 Gehan Selim](#), Associate Professor in Architecture & Urbanism

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[Dr Pam Birtill](#), Associate Professor of Psychology

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Additional information

Faculty and School Information

Further information is available on the research and teaching activities of the [Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences](#), and the [School of Civil Engineering](#), and the [School of Psychology](#).

A diverse workforce

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are proud to have been awarded the Athena SWAN [Silver](#) Award from the Equality Challenge Unit, the national body



that promotes equality in the higher education sector. Our [equality and inclusion webpage](#) provides more 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.

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.

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.

