CANDIDATE BRIEF

Grade 7 Lectureship in Medieval Studies and Digital Humanities

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Culture

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

Reporting to: Head of School

Reference: AHCHI1044A

Closing date: Monday 10 January 2022

We will consider flexible working arrangements
Overview of the Role
As a Lecturer in Teaching and Scholarship, your role will be to support the University in its 10-year Curriculum Redefined programme to transform the educational experience of its students, ensuring that, regardless of their background, all develop the knowledge and skills required to succeed and make a positive impact in the world. You will bring and embrace innovative and evidence-informed approaches to teaching and learning that will deliver inclusive, active and digitally enhanced experiences to all our students.

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated individual with disciplinary expertise in Medieval Studies, with expertise in Digital Humanities approaches, and knowledge, experience and creativity that can be applied to innovative modes of course delivery, assessment, curriculum design, and scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). With the ability to collaborate effectively and to motivate and inspire learners, you will become a valued academic member of the Institute for Medieval Studies, where you will support innovation in our taught programmes and help introduce new forms of teaching and learning. You will also be part of a diverse and committed community of academics working across the University on our Student Education strategy and will be expected to contribute to its work. This experience will provide you with deep cross-disciplinary experience and an understanding of the University as a whole. We are committed to excellence in Student Education, and you will participate in induction and training events tailored to educators and designed to support you to develop within your career.

We are seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Medieval Studies and Digital Humanities. The post-holder will work across the four Schools that currently constitute the Institute for Medieval Studies (History, English, Languages Cultures and Societies (LCS) and Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies (FAHACS)) to support the development of a shared approach to digital humanities and online pedagogies. They will help shape the contribution of Medieval Studies at Leeds to developing inclusive, interdisciplinary pedagogies and enhancing diversity within our curricula. The potential to collaborate with the Special Collections department of the Brotherton Library, or to build fruitful relationship with colleagues teaching the creative industries, performing arts or media studies would be an advantage.

You will be responsible for teaching undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses, utilising technology-enhanced, interactive teaching methods, inclusive and authentic learning and assessment, and transdisciplinary approaches to the teaching of major themes, such as sustainability. You will work with a wide range of colleagues, students and external stakeholders to develop and promote innovative curriculum design and delivery. Individuals will engage in scholarly work on teaching and learning aligned with their discipline(s) and strategic priorities.
The Institute for Medieval Studies (IMS) at Leeds is one of the major centres for Medieval Studies in the UK. It supports interdisciplinary teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level and offers both taught MA and PhD courses. It also hosts the International Medieval Congress, which provides one of the largest gatherings of Medievalists in the world, and the International Medieval Bibliography (published by Brepols). Based in the School of History, the IMS is a multidisciplinary Institute with academic staff from a range of subject areas across the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures, including from the Schools of English; Languages, Societies and Cultures; and Fine Art and History of Art and Cultural Studies.

The School of History, which includes the Institute for Medieval Studies, is one of the leading History departments in the UK. With over forty members of academic staff working across a wide range of chronological, geographical, and thematic specialisms, it is home to a large community of undergraduate and MA students, and postgraduate researchers. We have an international reputation for excellence and are known for our ground-breaking historical research and innovative teaching. We are committed to providing an inclusive experience for both students and staff, offering a diverse and wide-ranging curriculum, and improving representation in all areas of our community and activities.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

As a Lecturer (T&S) your main duties will include:

**Teaching and learning:**
- Delivering education at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and taking part in other teaching activity, including promoting and developing student competencies related to enquiry and research, core to a research-based education;
- Establishing and maintaining awareness of knowledge at the forefront of your field/disciplinary area and using this to inform your teaching;
- Forming part of a University-wide cohort community, taking part in regular events, sharing good practice, and working collaboratively with project teams across the institution;
- Contributing to the planning, design, development, delivery and review of learning units (modules, programmes) within relevant subject areas;
- Playing an active part in the development and adoption of teaching and learning practice in the School.

**Curriculum review and redesign**
- Working as part of a team to develop approaches to support educators in their development e.g., assessment of knowledge and perceived abilities, scholarship of teaching and learning, and review of the effectiveness of innovations;
- Contributing to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion initiatives that create an inclusive learning environment within the school, ensuring we attract and retain the best students from all backgrounds, from across the world and support them to flourish;
Facilitating and supporting colleagues to use appropriate tools and technology to support and promote curriculum mapping and design;

Working with Student Education Leadership in the school/ faculty to co-ordinate and communicate timelines across project components.

**Education research and scholarly activity:**
- Carrying out scholarship of teaching and learning, inform ongoing innovative curriculum design and delivery, and contribute to the thinking and understanding of the sector (e.g., through discussions, conference participation, co-authorship of scholarly publications and posts etc.);
- Contribute to the production of high-quality and innovative learning materials and resources to support learning and teaching in the school and discipline(s);
- Contributing to the development of innovative approaches to teaching and learning;
- Conducting other scholarship activities such as: investigating barriers to attainment in higher education; creating open education resources, contributing to textbooks; and other priorities agreed with the Head of School.

**Qualifications and skills**

**As a Lecturer (T&S) you will have:**

**Essential**
- A postgraduate degree in Medieval Studies, with expertise in Digital Humanities approaches or equivalent work experience in a relevant field/disciplinary area;
- Experience of teaching in a Higher Education or related environment, with evidence of the ability to enhance student learning;
- Evidence of contributing to practice in teaching and learning; reviewing and enhancing materials, and employing appropriate approaches and techniques;
- High level of IT skills with the ability to use a range of platforms to deliver teaching and embrace new technologies;
- Evidence of working to promote equality, diversity and inclusion in Student Education, and supporting the needs of a diverse student population.

**Desirable**
- A PhD or equivalent in a relevant discipline;
- Evidence of contributing to teaching and learning policy and practice within a school/department (or equivalent), discipline or subject area and/or module/programme review or enhancement;
- Experience of effectively using digitally enabled approaches to learning in a Higher Education or related environment.
Additional information

Working at Leeds
Find out more about the benefits of working at the University, flexible working and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our Working at Leeds information page.

Our University
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 school 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.

Information for disabled candidates
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 hr@leeds.ac.uk

Criminal record information
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.

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 you were resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this will be your status under the EU Settlement Scheme.