



**Faculty of Arts
School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science**

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Representation and Intentionality

Fixed term for 6 months, available from January 2016

Project: The Nature of Representation

This post arises from the European Research Council funded project, "The Nature of Representation". This project is led by Professor Robert Williams (PI) (School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, University of Leeds).

This project examines the explanatory role, metaphysics and epistemology of mental and linguistic representation. What is the relation between representational facts (the meanings of words, the truth conditions of sentences, the content of mental states) and non-representational facts such as causality, teleology and behaviour? On what basis can we form justified beliefs about what words mean, and the content of mental states of agents? And for which explanatory projects (if any) do we need to invoke representational facts?

You will have a completed PhD by the start date of the post (1 January 2016) in Philosophy. This is a focused post to collaborate with the PI and pursue your own research on representation theorems in decision theory and their relation to the grounds of intentionality.

You will be based at the University of Leeds and will be expected to take an active role in the overall research life and culture of the department.

As part of the application process, please could you upload a writing sample. This should reflect your current research interests; it does not need to have been already accepted for publication and should preferably be no longer than 10,000 words. You should also upload a statement (no more than 1000 words) of your background in representation theorems in decision theory and their relation to intentionality, and the research you would propose to carry out with the PI during this postdoc.

We welcome applications from everyone irrespective of gender and ethnic group but, as women and members of ethnic minority groups are currently under-represented at this level of post, we would encourage applications from members of these groups. Appointment will be based on merit alone.

University Grade 7 (£31,342 - £37,394 p.a.)

Informal enquiries may be made to Robert Williams, email i.r.g.williams@leeds.ac.uk

Closing Date:

Interviews are expected to be held in late August or early September 2015

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Job Description

Responsible to: Head of School

Reports to: Head of Project

Main duties and responsibilities

- Develop research related to the project themes, on both an independent and collaborative basis.
- Plan and manage own research activity in collaboration with others within the strategy identified for the project team as a whole.
- Work as research assistant to the PI (for example, produce literature reviews).
- Organise project meetings, workshops and conferences in liaison with the PI and Postgraduate students.
- Maintain records of project finances.
- Maintain own continuing professional development.
- Engage in any other duties as may reasonably be required, consistent with the grade of the post.

Career Expectations

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Person Specification

Essential

- Completed PhD (by the start date of the post) in Philosophy.
- Expertise with decision-theoretic representation theorems in a variety of formal frameworks e.g. Savage, Ramsey, Jeffrey.
- Outstanding research ability relating to the relevance of representation theorems to the grounds of intentionality, with the ability to contribute to, and to enhance, the School's broader research activities.
- Ability to work individually and as part of a group.
- IT literate.
- Strong planning and reporting skills.
- Strong interpersonal and team-working skills.
- Effective communication skills (including a high standard of written English).

Desirable

- Knowledge of relevant work in disciplines relevant to project themes, for example linguistics, cognitive science or psychology.
- Experience of publishing academic research related to representation theorems and intentionality.
- Experience of working as research assistant
- Experience in conference/workshop organisation.

Additional Information

The University offers generous terms and conditions of employment, a wide range of benefits, services, facilities and family friendly policies. Full details are available on the Human Resources web pages accessible at www.leeds.ac.uk/hr

The Partnership

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Disclosure and Barring Service checks

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Disabled Applicants

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