



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Food Biochemistry, School of Food Science and Nutrition



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

Reference: ENVFS1050

We will consider job share/flexible working arrangements

Teaching Fellow in Food Biochemistry

School of Food Science and Nutrition, Faculty of Environment

Do you have experience of teaching biochemistry at undergraduate and postgraduate level with an established background in food biochemistry? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

As a Teaching Fellow you will deliver innovative teaching in food science and nutrition at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. As well as teaching and assessment, you will also contribute to the development of new teaching material, resources, modules and programmes in line with the University's strategy to offer research-led student education.

With a postgraduate degree in biochemistry or a closely related discipline, you will have a demonstrable ability to teach food and nutritional biochemistry, as well as key skills needed by Food Science and Nutrition students. You will have an enthusiastic and innovative approach to all aspects of student education, good communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to use technology effectively and innovatively in the preparation and delivery of blended learning material. You will also be interested in developing pedagogic research and scholarship in your discipline.

What does the role entail?

As a Teaching Fellow in Food Biochemistry your main duties will include:

- Undertaking student education activities delivered by the School of Food Science and Nutrition at undergraduate and postgraduate level;
- Contributing to the assessment of course work and examinations, the review of modules, programmes and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Contributing to the design and implementation of new practical experiments and courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students;
- Designing and utilising innovative approaches to learning and teaching, especially with regard to provision of teaching material through digital media and blended learning;



- Contributing to the planning and development of modules and programmes within the relevant subject area including development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs);
- Acting as academic tutor for all modules taught, administering and documenting modules taught in collaboration with other academic and support staff as appropriate;
- Acting as personal tutor and providing pastoral support to students;
- Leading the delivery of laboratory classes in the analytical teaching laboratories;
- Devising and supervising undergraduate and taught postgraduate student research projects in the area of food and nutritional biochemistry;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes of the School and wider University, including administration of the School's programmes of study;
- Contributing to recruitment, widening participation and public engagement activities within the School;
- Maintaining 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 Teaching Fellow in Food Biochemistry you will have:

- A postgraduate degree in Biochemistry or a closely related discipline; or equivalent work experience in a relevant field/disciplinary area;
- Experience of teaching biochemistry to undergraduate students;
- The ability to teach food and nutritional biochemistry, as well as key skills needed by Food Science and Nutrition students, effectively at all levels, with an enthusiastic and innovative approach;
- The ability to use IT effectively and innovatively in the preparation and delivery of teaching material;
- The ability to contribute effectively to administrative activities;
- An established background in food biochemistry;
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills;
- The ability to work as a member of a team and independently, with a high level of self-motivation;



- The ability to work effectively under pressure.

You may also have:

- A PhD or equivalent in a relevant discipline;
- The ability to motivate and create enthusiasm in others, demonstrated in positive student feedback;
- Experience of teaching food biochemistry to postgraduate students;
- Experience of undertaking research in a related field, with a proven record of achievement as a single or main author of refereed publications;
- A commitment to professional development/undertaking qualifications in Higher Education teaching;
- An interest in pedagogic research and scholarship.

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:

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

A diverse workforce

The Faculty of Environment has received a prestigious Athena SWAN silver award from [Advance HE](#), the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. This award represents the combined efforts of all schools in the Faculty and



shows the positive actions we have taken to ensure that our policies, processes and ethos all promote an equal and inclusive environment for work and study.

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 Environment 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.

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 on our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

