



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Religious Studies and Islam, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



**Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099 – £44,263 p.a. pro rata)**

**Reference: AH CPR1057**

**Location: University Main Campus.**

**Start date: 1 August 2023**

**1.0 FTE, Fixed-term for 12 months (Due to funding)**

**Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching in the areas of Theology and Religious Studies, with expertise in the sociology or anthropology of Islam? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group university? Would you like to join and contribute to the vibrant academic community in the interdisciplinary School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science?**

As a Teaching Fellow, you will carry out teaching in the areas of Islam and Muslims, especially in the UK context, and Religious Studies more broadly. It is essential that you should also be able to contribute to the supervision of undergraduate final-year projects and to the personal tutoring of undergraduate students within the School.

You will be asked to lead a third-year undergraduate module called 'Muslims in Britain: Transnational Communities and Multicultural Politics' as well as a closely related MA module called 'Muslims, Multiculturalism and the State'. Additionally, you will be asked to provide teaching assistance, in the form of guest lectures and seminar tuition, for other modules. At undergraduate level, these are likely to include 'Introduction to the Study of Religions', 'Religion, Politics and Society in the Modern World', 'Sociology of Religion', 'Human Rights and Religion', and 'Religion, Politics and the Future'; at MA level, they are likely to include 'Religion, Politics and Society'. You may also be asked to assist with the teaching of a first- or second-year module on the BA Liberal Arts programme or a broad-ranging foundation-year module called 'Exploring the Arts and Humanities'.

Responsibilities will include preparing teaching materials, lecturing, leading seminars, assessment, and one-to-one supervision of undergraduate dissertations. You will participate in and contribute to activities coordinated by the Centre for Religion and Public Life, and you may be asked to take on a modest amount of administrative work.

You will have submitted your PhD thesis (or be very close to submitting it) in Religious Studies, Islamic Studies or another demonstrably relevant area and have relevant subject expertise and teaching experience.



## What does the role entail?

As a Teaching Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking teaching at all levels of our taught programmes, including assessment, and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance processes;
- Providing students with support, guidance and timely feedback, and resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Developing and utilising suitable approaches to teaching and learning;
- Maintaining a scholarly interest in developments in:
  - Religious Studies and Islamic Studies,
  - pedagogical research
  - activities of the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of 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 Teaching Fellow, you will have:

- Submitted (or be very close to submitting) a PhD in Religious Studies, Islamic Studies or another demonstrably relevant area by 1 August 2023;
- Expertise in, and experience of delivering both lectures and seminars in, Religious Studies in a university environment;
- Expertise and/or teaching experience in Islamic Studies, especially the sociology or anthropology of Islam and Muslims in the UK;
- Experience of sensitively negotiating individual student needs (e.g. needs pertaining to health);
- The ability to engage in high-quality academic scholarship relevant to the field and to contribute actively to the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
- Exceptional communication skills;
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office programmes, such as Word and Excel; PowerPoint; Outlook (or close equivalents); and the capacity to interact with a Virtual Learning Environment;



- The ability to contribute effectively to administrative processes and structures;
- Excellent time-management skills.

You may also have:

- Experience of supervising undergraduate or postgraduate dissertations.

## How to apply

Applications for this position should be submitted 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.

**In addition to the standard application, please upload the following as a separate document:**

A standard academic CV.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**Dr Mikel Burley, Deputy Head of School (Theology and Religious Studies)**

Email: [m.m.burley@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:m.m.burley@leeds.ac.uk)

## Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures](#).

Find out more about the [School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science](#).

Find out more about the [Centre for Religion and Public Life](#).



## **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 Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures 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, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

## **Working at Leeds**

We are a campus-based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. 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](mailto: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.

