UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Dynamics on Networks,

Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099 – £44,263 p.a.) Due to funding restrictions, an appointment will not be made higher than £37,099 p.a.

Reference: EPSMA1093

Closing date: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Fixed-term for up to 30 months

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

Research Fellow in Dynamics on Networks, School of Mathematics.

Do you have mathematical expertise in network science? Are you enthusiastic about engaging in collaborative research studying dynamical processes on networks? Would you like to feel part of a strong supportive team at the University of Leeds?

We are looking for a Research Fellow to join our project to develop 'lumping' techniques to approximate Markov chain dynamics on networks.

The project is funded by the Leverhulme Trust and you will work with the lead investigator, Dr Jonathan Ward, on mathematical network science research. The aim of the project is to develop exact and approximate methods for the analysis of a broad range of dynamical processes on networks. As part of this, you will contribute to the development of a new theoretical framework and explore real-world applications.

You will have a PhD in Mathematics, Physics, or a closely allied discipline, with a strong background in mathematical and simulation studies of dynamical processes. Ideally you would have expertise in dynamics on networks or a related area, such as Markov chains, statistical mechanics, or dynamical systems.

You will have the ability to conduct independent research and a developing track record of publications in international journals.

The School of Mathematics is committed to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and to an environment free of any type of discrimination, where everyone can reach their full potential. We strive to support the career development of the Postdoctoral Research Fellows that we recruit, and to provide them with the flexibility and support needed in their development as the future generation of world-leading researchers.

The School of Mathematics also offers a number of family-friendly employment practices that are designed to enable a good work-life balance and to be responsive to support personal circumstances. In many roles we offer flexible working and part-time working, and we have a range of services to help support staff through work and personal challenges.

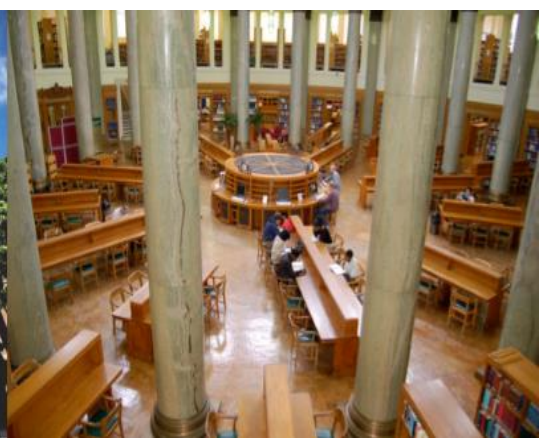
What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Developing mathematical methods to approximate dynamical processes on network that quantify error;
- Applying mathematical methods of analysing dynamics on networks to real-world case studies;
- Investigating extensions of the theoretical framework to new types of model and methods for parameter estimation;
- Generating and pursuing independent and original research ideas in the appropriate subject area;
- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research project and team including preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;
- Making a significant contribution to the dissemination of research results by publication in leading peer-reviewed journals and by presentation at national and international meetings;
- Working independently and as part of a larger team of researchers, both internally and externally, to develop new research links and collaborations and engage in knowledge transfer activities where appropriate;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to your own work;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development and acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues as appropriate;
- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, including assisting with the supervision of projects in areas relevant to the project.

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 (or have submitted your thesis before taking up the role) in Mathematics, Physics or a closely allied discipline;
- A strong background in mathematical and simulation studies of dynamical processes;
- The ability to acquire expertise in unfamiliar areas of mathematics;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and manage competing demands effectively without close support;
- A developing track record of peer-reviewed publications in international journals;
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal, and the ability to communicate your research at national and international conferences;
- A proven ability to work well both independently and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

You may also have:

- Expertise in dynamics on networks, Markov chains, stochastic processes, statistical mechanics, dynamical systems, chemical reaction networks or permutation group theory;
- Experience using high performance computing;
- Experience of pursuing external funding to support research.

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

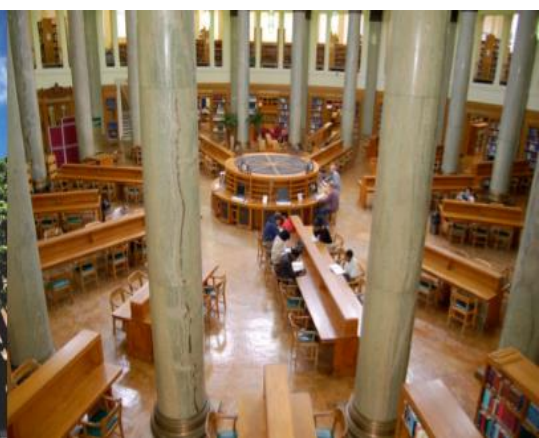
Faculty and School Information
Further information is available on the research and teaching activities of the Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences, and the School of Mathematics.

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
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. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our Working at Leeds information page.





Information for disabled candidates
Information for disabled candidates, 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

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.