



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in International Security (Quantitative methods), School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences



**Salary: Grade 8 (£45,585 – £54,395 p.a. depending on experience)**

**Reporting to: Head of School**

**Reference: ESLPO1096**

**We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.**

## **Lecturer in International Security (Quantitative methods)** **School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of** **Social Sciences**

**Are you a quantitative political scientist with ambition to work in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Are you also passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience?**

The School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) at the University of Leeds is looking for a lecturer in international security to add to our growing strength in quantitative methods within the School and the wider Faculty. In particular, the School is looking to appoint a quantitative researcher with expertise in the area of international security (broadly defined) who would engage closely with colleagues in the [Centre for Global Security Challenges](#). We particularly encourage applications from candidates with specialisms in the following areas: gender, climate change, race, security, and terrorism.

The successful candidate will be expected to build a strong portfolio of research and teaching, help advance the School's undergraduate and graduate curriculum in International Relations, pursue funded research projects, contribute to the growth and development of one or more of our research centres, and support our vibrant community of PGR research students.

### **Main duties and responsibilities**

#### **Research:**

- To pursue, develop and take forward research, innovation and impact at national and international levels;
- To carry out programmes of research in quantitative international security, including investigations and project management;
- To promote the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the school and faculty;
- To actively contribute to the activities and strategic direction of the Centre for Global Security Challenges;
- To maintain a high quality record of regular and original research publications of international standing;
- To attract research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;



- To be involved in postgraduate supervision.

### **Teaching:**

- To undertake a full teaching load (as measured against the school norm);
- To undertake research-led teaching in international security at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and take part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- To have a significant involvement in the design, development and planning of modules and programmes within the subject area;
- To have a significant involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- To develop innovative approaches to learning and teaching;
- To provide support and guidance to students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- To be involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;

### **General:**

- Participating fully in the activities, of POLIS, its research centres and academic groups and the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty and University, as appropriate;
- Being involved in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues;
- To carry out the duties of the post in accordance with university values, standards, policies and procedures and local faculty/school benchmarks as appropriate;
- To maintain a safe work environment, including ensuring compliance with legislation and the undertaking of risk assessments;
- To undertake any other duties commensurate with the grade as might reasonably be required.

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.

### **Qualifications and skills**

#### Essential

- A PhD in International Relations (or a closely related discipline), using quantitative methods;



- An established record of producing internationally excellent outputs in international security using quantitative methods, commensurate with career stage;
- A track record of applying for external research funding and a plan for obtaining external research funding in the future;
- A credible plan for future research that aligns with the strategic objectives of the School of Politics and International Studies' focus on the [politics of global challenges](#) and in particular the focus of the [Centre for Global Security Challenges](#);
- Experience of successful public engagement and/or the ability to communicate research effectively to a range of audiences;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an inclusive approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- The ability to teach international security and advanced quantitative methods;

### **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:

**Prof Richard Beardsworth, Head of School ([r.beardsworth@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:r.beardsworth@leeds.ac.uk))**

### **Additional information**

#### **About the job**

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School. Find out more about the [Faculty](#).



## **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.

## **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 Social 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, 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. »

## **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](mailto: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.

