CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow, School of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences

Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099– £44,263 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Professor Alice Deignan

Reference: ESLED1135

Fixed term 1 October 2024 until 31 March 2027 to complete specific time limited work.

Location: Leeds campus

'We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.'

Research Fellow
School of Education

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in corpus linguistics and metaphor? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

This is a new role which has arisen through the award of an AHRC grant to Prof Alice Deignan to fund a project entitled 'Young people, figurative language and criticality'. The project aims to describe the figurative language used with and by young people in the framing of ideology and new concepts, and to estimate their levels of awareness of this framing. The project will combine corpus building and analysis with interviews and think aloud protocol tasks. The project partners are the Universities of Birmingham and Lancaster, Oxford University Press, and schools in Yorkshire and Birmingham.

The position starts on 1st October 2024, and the end date is 31st March 2027.

The successful candidate will be based at the University of Leeds, working on campus. They will work full-time on the project, leading some aspects of its activity, as appropriate and agreed with the rest of the project team. It will involve some travel, both national and international.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Working with the team to analyse existing corpus resources and add to them to build the corpus for the project;
- Liaising with and visiting the project partner schools for purposes such as conducting workshops, interviewing students and obtaining corpus data;
- Analysing data, especially corpus data for figurative language use;
- Communicating or presenting the project results through publication or other recognised forms of output;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals, jointly or solely, and independently writing reports;
- As part of the project team, organising and conducting events for non-academic stakeholders;
- Other activities as required by the project, such as setting up and maintaining the project website, managing social media, organising and conducting interview transcription, data management and record keeping;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development and acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues as appropriate;
- Contributing to the research culture of the School, where appropriate;

- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, where appropriate, 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.

Qualifications and skills

Essential
- A first degree, and a PhD (or close to completion) in Linguistics, Applied Linguistics or Corpus Linguistics, or a closely allied discipline;
- Demonstrable experience in conducting research using corpus linguistics;
- A strong background in metaphor studies using real world data;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

Desirable
- A track record of successful, high quality, publications in the fields of corpus linguistics, figurative language, or allied areas;
- Experience of working with children and teenagers;
- Experience of working or conducting research in educational settings.

Additional 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.

Our University

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life. 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 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

Criminal Record Information
Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

This post requires an enhanced and barred list criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of these checks, in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.