



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer (Teaching and Research) in Applied and Inter-Disciplinary Ethics; Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£38,205– £45,585 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Prof. Simon Kirchin

Reference: AHCPR1073

Location: University Main Campus (with scope for hybrid working). We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

1.0 FTE, Ongoing

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Inter-Disciplinary Ethics Applied Centre (IDEA), School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science; Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Overview of the Role

Are you an academic with a strong grounding in ethics who is committed to fostering the development of ethical understanding and reasoning skills, both inside and outside academia? Do you have experience of University teaching in a range of formats including face-to-face and online? Do you have enthusiasm for developing world-quality research and public engagement? Would you like to be part of a team making a major impact through innovation in ethics learning and teaching, research and consultancy?

You will design and develop high quality inter-disciplinary applied ethics teaching for students across the University of Leeds. Liaising with academics across the University you will develop and deliver applied and inter-disciplinary ethics teaching across programmes of study in a range of disciplines (such as business, chemistry, engineering, medicine and dentistry).

You will work with colleagues in IDEA to develop and deliver high-quality teaching materials across a broad range of activity: undergraduate modules and programmes across many disciplines within the University; the Centre's Masters programmes; and (possibly) professional development activities in consultancy and training.

You will also engage in world-leading research, publishing innovative academic work such as articles and books, with a focus on applied ethics. You will be supported in widening your academic network and you will be expected to develop an enthusiasm for engaging different audiences outside of academia with your research and the work of the wider IDEA Centre. You will also be encouraged to develop an interest in impact, working with various sectors and audiences to show how your research changes the world.



You will have the ability to motivate, challenge and inspire students from a range of disciplines, professions and cultural backgrounds. You will have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work with a wide range of people.

Main duties and responsibilities

As a Lecturer your main duties will include:

- Developing and supporting high-quality inter-disciplinary and applied ethics teaching within taught postgraduate and undergraduate modules;
- Developing and delivering innovative assessment and teaching methodologies to enhance the student experience, including face-to-face delivery, blended and digital learning materials, and comprehensive guidance which enables other tutors to use these;
- Working in partnership with colleagues in partner disciplines (engineering, maths, business etc.) ensuring materials are well informed by expertise in ethics, are appropriately discipline-specific, and are integrated within modules and programmes;
- Working within one or more Partner Discipline Theme Teams to co-ordinate the development of, and provide coherence to, IDEA teaching across each programme of study within a partner discipline;
- Contributing to the planning, development, review and evaluation of modules, programmes and the quality assurance mechanisms, regularly collecting and responding to student feedback;
- Contributing where appropriate to the development and delivery of teaching materials for professional development activities in consultancy and training
- Engaging in the administration associated with delivery of high-quality teaching and contributing to initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty and University performance or business;



- Providing a range of pastoral, professional and curriculum support mechanisms that meet the needs of a diverse student body;
- Developing and publishing world-leading research in appropriate academic venues;
- Developing and leading public engagement activities, designed to engage different audiences with your research and that of the IDEA Centre;
- Engaging in impact activities as required to show how your research can make a positive difference to and within the world.

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. All roles in the Centre include a citizenship component.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- Awarded a PhD in Philosophy (in ethics and/or practical philosophy), or submitted a PhD in Philosophy (in ethics and/or practical philosophy) by 1 August 2024;
- A proven record of teaching practical philosophy/ethics in a University environment, especially to non-philosophy students (such as students in business, engineering, and medicine and dentistry) matched with the enthusiasm to develop teaching materials specific for such students (such as Business Ethics, Engineering Ethics);
- Experience of developing new teaching materials and assessment approaches so as to stimulate active student participation and engagement, and to do so across a range of modes (such as face-to-face and online);
- A pastoral approach towards individual student needs and the ability to negotiate these sensitively;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers.



- A proven track record of leading research publications in applied ethics or evidence that you are developing such a record.

Desirable

- Experience of working in a business or professional environment outside of academia;
- Experience of supporting distance learning students;
- Experience of public engagement activities to showcase your research.
- Experience of research impact activities as defined by UKRI REF criteria;
- A focus in your research and/or teaching on the ethics and philosophy of AI and/or the ethics and philosophy of the environment, sustainability and climate change.

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.

In addition to the standard online application, please upload the following as separate documents:

1. A standard academic CV
2. A teaching statement (max 2 pages)
3. One research publication (published or unpublished) of 7,000-10,000 words

Contact Information

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

Prof. Simon Kirchin, Director of IDEA

Email: s.kirchin@leeds.ac.uk

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen, this may be your status under the EU Settlement Scheme.



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 School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science 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

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.

