



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Assistant, School of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 6 (£32,296- £37,999 p.a. depending on experience)

Reference: ESLLW1218

Reporting to: Dr Rebecca Shaw

Location: University Main Campus

0.4 FTE, Fixed Term until 31 December 2025 to complete a specific task or time limited work. We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Research Assistant

Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Law

Do you have an aptitude for carrying out research? Are you looking to gain research experience supporting an established academic? Do you have an interest in domestic abuse and impact research?

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual with an aptitude for research to support Dr Rebecca Shaw on her 'Changing the Narrative of Domestic Abuse' research project – a collaborative and impact focused research project funded by the ESRC Creating Opportunities through Local Innovation Fellowship. Specifically, the project aims to:

- To work alongside local and regional government, schools, third sector organisations and West Yorkshire Police to assess current educational resources for school children through the lens of 'changing the narrative' and identify gaps in provision, specifically focusing on assessing current preventative tools.
- To forge a local and regional level policy on how to tackle and change the cultural narrative of domestic abuse, which can be scaled up to a national level.
- To collaborate with partners, those with lived experience of domestic abuse and local artists to develop a proposal for funding of a cultural programme, and accompanying hub, aimed at young children to improve understanding, and change perceptions, of domestic abuse

What does the role entail?

As a Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Providing support on the project and to Dr Shaw.
- Being involved in developing the 'Changing the Narrative' stakeholder network nationally.
- Assisting Dr Shaw with reviewing the existing landscape of domestic abuse educational resources for secondary school children (locally, regionally and nationally).
- Synthesising and analysing the relevant documentation.



- Contributing to report writing where required.
- Being involved in presenting research findings to academic, professional and non-professional audiences and to communicate complex data in accessible ways
- Participating actively as a member of the project team, contributing to other research projects where required.
- Assisting in developing and supporting research applications and proposals for funding in the specified research area.
- Contributing to the generation of independent and original research ideas in the appropriate subject area.
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to own work.
- Understanding broader issues relating to the management of research.
- Integrating the University value of inclusiveness into all appropriate aspects of the job; respecting the dignity and diversity of all members of the University community and of visitors to the University.
- Any other duties which may be commensurate within the role and grade.

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 Assistant you will have:

- An understanding of research issues around domestic abuse.
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral with a wide range of people.
- Experience of engaging and communicating with internal and external stakeholders.
- Excellent organisational skills, experience of managing own workload and ability to work to multiple deadlines.
- Postgraduate level research skills training and/or experience.



- The ability to work effectively as a team member as well as individually.
- To demonstrate an understanding of the diverse nature of the University community and a willingness to work with staff, students and visitors (as appropriate) from a wide range of backgrounds, upholding the University value of inclusiveness.

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.

Applications should be made by submitting a CV together with a covering letter to lawmso@leeds.ac.uk.

Contact information

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

Dr Rebecca Shaw

Email: r.a.shaw@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

Find out more about the faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. <http://www.essl.leeds.ac.uk>

Find out more about our School of Law. www.law.leeds.ac.uk

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 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, those 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.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found under the 'Accessibility' heading on our [How to Apply](#) information page or by getting in touch by [emailing HR via 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.

Salary Requirements of the Skilled Worker Visa Route

Grade 6- Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. The FTE for this role may mean sponsorship is not available. For more information, please visit [the Government's Skilled Worker visa page](#). Information on other visa options is available via [the Government's Work in the UK page](#).

