



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Teaching Fellow in Religious Studies, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£39,355– £46,735 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Professor Adriaan van Klinken

Reference: AH CPR1076

0.8 FTE (30 hours per week), available on a fixed term basis until 31 July 2028 because there is a need for temporary cover.

Location: University Main Campus

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Teaching Fellow in Religious Studies

School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

Overview of the Role

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching in Religious Studies? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group university? Would you like to join and contribute to the vibrant academic community in the interdisciplinary School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science?

As a Teaching Fellow, you will carry out teaching in various areas of Religious Studies. You will also contribute to the supervision and marking of undergraduate final-year projects and to the personal tutoring of undergraduate students within the School.

Your teaching may vary from year to year, but is likely to include generic undergraduate modules such as 'Introduction to the Study of Religions' and 'Studying Religion in Context', and more specific modules like 'Religions of India' and 'Religion and Media'. At postgraduate level, you may contribute to modules such as 'Religion, Politics and Society' and 'Studying Religion: Research Process, Methods and Ethics'.

You may also be asked to assist with the teaching of a first- or second-year module on the BA Liberal Arts programme or a broad-ranging foundation-year module called 'Exploring the Arts and Humanities'.

Responsibilities will include preparing teaching materials, lecturing, leading seminars, assessment, and one-to-one supervision of undergraduate dissertations. You will participate in and contribute to activities coordinated by the Centre for Religion and Public Life, and you may be asked to take on a modest amount of administrative work.

You will have submitted your PhD thesis (or be within a month of submitting it) in Religious Studies (or another demonstrably relevant area) and have relevant subject expertise and teaching experience.

Main duties and responsibilities



- Undertaking teaching at all levels of our taught programmes, including assessment, and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance processes;
- Providing students with support, guidance and timely feedback, and resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Developing and utilising suitable approaches to teaching and learning;
- Maintaining a scholarly interest in developments in Religious Studies as well as in pedagogy, and participating in activities of the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School, Faculty and University.

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

- Submitted (or be within a month of submitting) a PhD in Religious Studies (or another demonstrably relevant area) by 1 August 2025;
- Expertise in, and experience of delivering both lectures and seminars in, Religious Studies in a university environment;
- Expertise and the ability to teach in broad areas of Religious Studies, including South Asian (especially Hindu, Buddhist and/or Sikh) religious traditions as well as religion and media;
- The willingness and ability to teach material from the wider Liberal Arts;
- Experience of sensitively negotiating individual student needs (e.g. needs pertaining to health);
- The ability to carry out high-quality academic scholarship relevant to the field and to contribute actively to the Centre for Religion and Public Life;
- Exceptional communication skills;
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office programmes, such as Word and Excel; PowerPoint; Outlook (or close equivalents); and the capacity to interact with a Virtual Learning Environment;
- The ability to contribute effectively to administrative processes and structures;
- Excellent time-management skills.



Desirable

- Experience of supervising undergraduate or postgraduate dissertations.

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 application, please upload the following as a separate document: A standard academic CV.

Contact information

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

Professor Adriaan van Klinken (Deputy Head of School (with responsibility for Theology and Religious Studies)

Email: A.vanKlinken@leeds.ac.uk

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 of Arts, Humanities and Cultures 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 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

Please note that this post may not be suitable for sponsorship under the Skilled Worker visa route due to the FTE of the role. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa.

For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>

