



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Professor of Accounting, Finance, or Banking**

**Accounting and Finance Department, Leeds University Business School**



**Competitive salary**

**Reference: BUSAF1019**

**Closing date: 23 July 2025**

**We will consider flexible working arrangements**



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**Join a leading Business School within a globally renowned Russell Group institution at the forefront of pioneering scholarship and exceptional educational innovation. We are seeking an outstanding academic who will advance world-class research, generate high-impact publications, and drive transformative intellectual boundaries through innovative research and exceptional teaching.**

Ranked among the top 100 universities globally (QS Rankings 2025) and distinguished by triple accreditation from AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS, the Leeds University Business School, stands as a prestigious faculty within the University of Leeds, a member of the esteemed Russell Group. The School delivers comprehensive educational programs to over 5,000 students from over 100 countries, placing a premium on world-leading scholarship across all business disciplines, while maintaining a clear mission to make exceptional impact on business and society globally through innovative education and research.

The Accounting and Finance Department boasts an exceptional global reputation built on a vibrant research culture, with particular research strengths in Financial Reporting, Banking, FinTech, Sustainable Finance, and Entrepreneurial Finance. Demonstrating unparalleled commitment to research excellence, the Department invests more than GBP 1 million in specialized databases to support world-class research through its four dedicated research centres. During the most recent four-year period, members of the Department published over 45 research articles in academic journals, recognised as either Journals of Distinction (CABS 4\*) or Top Journals in their field (CABS 4). The Department's prestigious standing is further evidenced by its collaborations with research partners, private and public sector organizations, and governmental bodies on high-impact projects benefiting the regional economy and society.

Our 'flagship' BSc Accounting & Finance programme is consistently ranked as a top 10 across all major league tables, while our MSc in Finance and Investment is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> globally and in the top 10 in the UK in the 2025 QS Finance Master's Rankings for Finance. The Department has also been named a 'Centre of Excellence' by the



Chartered Banker's Institute (CBI) and our MSc Banking and International Finance, and BSc Banking and Finance programmes are accredited by the CBI.

The Leeds University Business School is internationally renowned for excellence in teaching, research, and world-class facilities. Our diverse and dynamic environment spans the full range of business disciplines, engaging undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students, as well as delivering impactful executive education and consultancy services. We are committed to advancing knowledge through rigorous research and scholarship at world-leading standards.

We are looking to appoint a Professor of Accounting, Finance or Banking who will further strengthen our international standing through outstanding research and proven academic leadership. You will deliver research of the highest quality, driving innovation and generating meaningful impact. Your leadership and expertise will significantly enhance our international profile, playing a critical role in our mission "to make an exceptional impact on business and society globally through leadership in research and teaching".

You will have a PhD in a relevant discipline, with proven experience leading research programs that meet international standards of academic excellence and effectively integrating this research into learning and teaching. You should demonstrate a sustained track record of ambitious and imaginative academic leadership, including effective team working and collaborative development skills. Additionally, you must have experience leading research initiatives, attracting funding through grants, and developing productive links with research groups both within the UK and internationally.

## **Main duties and responsibilities**

As a Professor of Accounting, Finance, or Banking, your main duties will include:

- Establishing and leading a world-class research programme achieving sustained high levels of research funding individually and/or in collaboration with others and maintaining high quality research outputs in leading internationally-recognised publications;
- Inspiring students through research-led teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses, taking a lead role in the development of modules and programmes and achieving high standards of student feedback;



- Promoting the disciplines of accounting, finance and banking and internationally winning prestige for both the disciplines and the University;
- Representing the University externally, developing and maintaining networks and promoting links with Research Councils and external organisations;
- Providing a major contribution to the strategic academic development, direction and leadership of the School as well as making a significant contribution to the University through its governance structures;
- Supporting and mentoring less-experienced academic and research staff to promote career development and the nurturing of academic talent;
- Attracting high-quality postgraduate research students to the University and providing them with supervision that supports timely completion and subsequent employability;
- Leading and delivering major initiatives and/or multidisciplinary areas of work which improve School, Faculty or University performance.

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

As a Professor of Accounting, Finance, or Banking, you will have:

- A PhD or other doctorate in a relevant discipline or equivalent research experience;
- A track record of integrating research with learning and teaching to deliver an excellent student experience, and an ability to lead the development of a portfolio of modules or courses;
- A high-level track record of leading research programmes and shaping research, innovation and impact agendas at national and international levels;
- A track record of sustained delivery of ambitious and imaginative academic leadership, both through your own work and through the encouragement and stimulation of colleagues;
- A high-level of international reputation, with your contributions shaping the academic discipline of accounting, finance or banking;
- An excellent track record of research and publications meeting international standards of academic excellence and impact, including a significant quantity





of 4\* REF equivalent published research, making a lasting and significant mark within the discipline;

- Sustained levels of research funding individually and/or in collaboration;
- The ability to work across subject areas, linking appropriately with other disciplines and research groups and/or leading major research initiatives;
- A track record of effective team working and collaborative development;
- A willingness and demonstrated capacity to take on a significant leadership role in Faculty/School development with the ability to think laterally, to be imaginative and to anticipate trends and opportunities;
- Excellent organisational and communication skills;
- A commitment to promoting and supporting diversity, equality and inclusion within the School.

You may also have:

- An expertise and interest in Financial Technology; Entrepreneurial Finance; Analytics; Sustainable Finance.

## 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.

Your application should include:

A **supporting statement** addressing the criteria and evidencing your suitability for the role through relevant experience and achievements.

- Your **curriculum vitae** giving full details of qualifications and experience.

## Contact information

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

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## Additional information

### About the job

Find out more about the [Leeds University Business School](#).

Find out more about our [Accounting and Finance Division](#).

### 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.

### 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.

