



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Lectureship in Liberal Arts and Religion/Philosophy (Teaching and Research),  
School of Philosophy, Religion & History of Science, Faculty of Arts, Humanities  
and Cultures**



**Salary: Grade 8 (£51,753– £59,966 p.a. depending on experience)**

**Reporting to: Julian Dodd**

**Reference: AHCPR1081**

**Location: University Main Campus (with scope for hybrid working)**

**1FTE, 37.5 hours per week**

**Ongoing**

**We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.**

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School of Philosophy, Religion & History of Science

## Overview of the Role

Are you an academic with the ambition and proven abilities to carry out research and teaching in Liberal Arts, at the interface of Religion and/or Philosophy? Are you an enthusiastic and innovative educator and scholar who can contribute to our diverse curriculum and inspire students? Do you have an excellent research record and evidence of a growing international reputation in your field? Would you like to join the vibrant [School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science](#) at the University of Leeds, and contribute to our mission to be a creative and inclusive community renowned both for its academic excellence and for its impact on policy, practice, and public life?

As a Lecturer, your teaching will be primarily in our flagship [Liberal Arts programme](#), while also contributing to other programmes in our interdisciplinary School. You will teach at all levels of our varied [undergraduate programmes](#), provide dissertation supervision, contribute to appropriate [MA programmes](#), and supervise research students.

We are specifically looking for candidates whose research and expertise focuses on global (or non-western) religions, philosophies and/or worldviews, such as in Africana, Islamic, or South/East Asian contexts and traditions. You will be able to contribute to our [Centre for Religion and Public Life](#) and/or our [Centre for Philosophy of Religion and Theology](#), while you are encouraged to also participate in other [research centres in the School](#), the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures, and the University where relevant.

You will bring a demonstrable commitment to interdisciplinarity, and to promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in your academic practice. We particularly welcome applications from candidates who will strengthen our efforts to diversify our curricula and research, while also strongly welcoming applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been under-represented in the University, including but not limited to people who identify as Black, Asian or with other non-white ethnic groups, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and disabled people.





This position includes a specific administrative/managerial role: You will be expected to serve as director of the Liberal Arts programme, offering vision, leadership and effective management of this programme in consultation with stakeholders in other Schools. Alongside that, you may take on other appropriate administrative duties within the School, Faculty and wider University.

You will have a PhD in Religious Studies, Theology or Philosophy, or a cognate discipline, and you will have relevant teaching experience.

## What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer in Liberal Arts and Philosophy/Religion your main duties will include:

- Playing a leading role in the delivery, management and development of the Liberal Arts programme, while also contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty.
- Undertaking research-led teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses, regularly collecting, and responding to, student feedback as well as being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, and resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Maintaining a record of original research and high-quality publications;
- Pursuing, developing and taking forward research and impact at national and international levels, while attracting research income (individually and/or collaboratively) to underpin high quality research activity and develop your research agenda;
- Being able to contribute to our Centre for Religion and Public Life and/or our Centre for Philosophy of Religion and Theology, and promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University;
- Maintaining high standards of equality and inclusion practice in all areas of academic activity, in line with the institutional Equality and Inclusion Framework.



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 Lecturer in Liberal Arts and Philosophy/Religion, you will have

- A PhD in Religious Studies, Theology or Philosophy, or a cognate discipline.
- Enthusiasm for Liberal Arts as an intellectual endeavour, and a vision for how the Liberal Arts programme could be developed;
- Research expertise in global (or non-western) religions, philosophies and/or worldviews, such as in Africana, Islamic, or South/East Asian contexts and traditions
- A vision for contributing to the Centre for Religion and Public Life and/or the Centre for Philosophy of Religion and Theology, and to the research environment in the School and Faculty more widely.
- A demonstrable commitment to interdisciplinarity, and to promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in your academic practice;
- A track record of high-quality research outputs commensurate with your career stage, with evidence of a growing international reputation in your field;
- A clear plan for future research, relating to new publications, research projects, and/or grant applications;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching, the ability to engage with students in ways that will enhance the student experience, and the experience of developing new teaching approaches and materials.
- The ability to contribute effectively to management and administrative processes and structures, including programme leadership.
- A high level of professional, interpersonal, communication and IT skills, such as time management, writing, effective collaboration with peers, and effective communication with colleagues and students, including via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE);

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate teaching and research supervision;
- Experience in academic or other organisational management roles.



## 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 recent research writing sample (maximum 10,000 words);
3. A teaching statement (1-2 pages) outlining your pedagogical approach, including specific methods and strategies for teaching, assessment, supervision, and creating an inclusive environment;
4. A description of future research plans (1-2 pages), e.g. elaboration of research projects, future publication plans, and/or grant application plans.

## Contact information

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

**Professor Adriaan van Klinken, Deputy Head of School (for Theology and Religious Studies, and Liberal Arts).**

Email: [a.vanklinken@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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, The School of Philosophy, Religion & 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 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.

