



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Economics, Leeds University Business School



Salary: Grade 7 (£41,064 – £48,832 p.a. depending on experience) or Grade 8 (£51,753 – £59,996 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to:

Reference: BUSEC1014

Closing date: 4th March 2026

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

‘We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.’

Overview of the Role

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in Economics? Do you have an excellent research record and a potential to establish an international reputation? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

We are looking for outstanding candidates to join the Economics Department of Leeds University Business School during an exciting phase in our development. Our highly popular and vibrant teaching programmes are expanding whilst our research activities continue to grow. The Department has a strong research focus and members of the Department publish in leading economics journals. Our research is also distinctively pluralistic and interdisciplinary.

With an active research agenda, you will have a strong research focus, experience of collaborative work, the ability to obtain research funding and be able to contribute to the research output of the Department. You will also be an engaging and effective teacher, able to contribute modules in the core theoretical and applied areas of economics and to attract and supervise PhD students successfully.

We particularly welcome applications from candidates who share our pluralistic and interdisciplinary outlook and who have research interests that fit with one or more of the Department's research themes: Labour, Wellbeing and Behavioural Economics; Macro-Finance; Development, Trade and the Environment.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level as well as contributing to activity within the Economics Department;
- Maintaining a record of high quality publications of national and international standing;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the Department;



- Providing research supervision and helping to attract students to the University;
- Undertaking research-led teaching in core Economics modules at different levels, including assessment and examinations, leading module design, and contributing towards review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the Department and Faculty including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate Departmental, Faculty or University performance or business;
- Being an active member of the team supporting colleagues and participating in Departmental research and extra-curricular teaching activities.
- Acting in a collegiate and cooperative way and contributing to a positive and inclusive culture in the Department

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

- A PhD in Economics or very close to completion of a PhD in Economics;
- A track record of research outputs commensurate with career and further outputs planned and in prospect;
- A track record of publications in refereed journals commensurate with a 3 or 4 star rating as defined by the REF and as evidenced by metrics such as the Association of Business Schools journal quality list, the FT45 list or other equivalent source;
- The ability to contribute to and develop collaborative research projects within and beyond the Department, including, as appropriate, interdisciplinary research;
- The ability to obtain research funding or clear plans for the pursuit of grant income;
- The ability to teach in core and applied areas of Economics, and to contribute positively to curriculum and programme review and design;



- A proven record of teaching in a university environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching Economics and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate, support, and inspire your research colleagues and peers;
- The ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.
- Excellent inter-personal skills and the ability to work as a member team.
- The ability to work cooperatively with colleagues and contribute positively to the culture of the department

Additional at Grade 8

- An excellent record of publications in refereed journals commensurate with a 3 or 4 star rating as defined by the REF and as evidenced by metrics such as the Association of Business Schools journal quality list, the FT45 list or other equivalent source
- Obtained research funding or actively developing bids for research funding;
- Experience of module design, review and teaching innovation in the area of Economics;
- The ability to supervise PhD students;
- The ability to take on leadership roles and manage initiatives within the Department and Faculty.

Desirable

- Commercial experience and/or links with commercial organisations;
- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of programme/academic leadership.

Additional information

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 copy of your curriculum vitae.
- Covering letter – please indicate which grade you want to apply for. We ask that candidates state in a cover letter how they see themselves adding to the teaching and research of the Department. Please state: how you would complement and advance the research themes of the Department and contribute to the pluralistic and interdisciplinary research of the Department; how you would contribute to teaching and teaching innovation in the Department; and how you would add positively to the culture of the Department.
- Examples of outputs - All applicants should also submit two outputs (ones under submission or at an advanced stage of development) as part of the application process.

Contact information

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

Professor David Spencer, Head of Economics Department

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Or

Professor Annina Kaltenbunner, Department Director of Research

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The Economics Department

The Economics Department represents and professes a pluralistic, interdisciplinary and policy-relevant Economics that seeks to address and resolve real-world challenges through high-impact research and research-led teaching. It promotes understanding of a distinctively broad range of perspectives and methods within the economics discipline and engages flexibly with other disciplines – business-related, social sciences, and STEM – in order to solve complex real-world problems and to lead large-scale interdisciplinary research projects.

The Department provides a number of highly popular undergraduate programmes in Economics, Business Economics and Economics and Finance. It also supports a full



range of joint honours programmes and contributes Economics modules for other programmes across the University. The Economics Department also has dedicated MSc programmes in Economics and a large and vibrant community of PhD students.

We are seeking candidates with experience of leading modules in Economics and who have a track record of delivery of high quality, innovative, challenging and inspiring teaching. We are also looking for candidates who can complement and advance the research themes of the Department. These include the following areas: Labour, Wellbeing and Behavioural Economics; Macro-Finance; Development, Trade and the Environment.

[More information about the Department can be found at:](#)
[Economics Department | Departments | University of Leeds](#)

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 and School

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.

At Leeds University Business School we work hard to ensure that our shared University values (collaboration, compassion, inclusivity and integrity) guide all our activities. We are committed to developing our culture so that we are able to work together to deliver our purpose to “make an exceptional impact on the economy, society and the planet”. We aim to do this by pursuing our goals of developing innovative solutions for society and building a community of responsible leaders.

Everyone at the Business School has a part to play in realising this vision - whether you are involved in education, research, external engagement or professional support. Everyone has skills, knowledge, talent and experience of value - we all have something to offer and we all have a part to play in contributing to collective success. This is at the heart of who we are and how we treat one another. We want all colleagues to feel excited about going to work, to feel valued, to be challenged, to feel



part of something bigger and to have fun along the way. To make this a reality we expect all colleagues to champion our shared values, to help us to strengthen our culture and to contribute to our common purpose.

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.

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

For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. For more information, please visit [the Government's page, Apply for the Global Talent visa](#).

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