



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Associate Professor in Economics, Economics Department, Leeds University Business School



Salary: Grade 9 (£61,759 – £73,708 p.a.)

Reference: BUSEC1015

Closing date: 4th March 2026

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

Associate Professor in Economics

Economics Department

Leeds University Business School

Are you an experienced and influential academic with the proven ability to carry out teaching and research in Economics? Do you have an excellent research track record and the vision and drive to tackle new challenges? Are you passionate about delivering world leading research and an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

We are looking for an outstanding candidate to join the Economics Department of Leeds University Business School. Our distinctive and vibrant teaching programmes remain highly popular 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 track record of publishing high quality work. You will also be an engaging and effective teacher, with significant experience of module leadership in core theoretical and applied areas of economics. You will also have experience of attracting and supervising PhD students successfully and gaining research income.

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.

What does the role entail?

As Associate Professor your main duties will include:

- Leading a clear and impactful research agenda, attracting external income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining a high quality record of regular and original research publications that are of national and international standing;



- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the Department, Faculty and University;
- Providing high quality postgraduate supervision and attracting research students to the University, and to supervise other students as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching in Economics at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the Department, as required;
- Offering leadership in the management and administrative processes of the Department, and where appropriate, Faculty and University;
- Being an active member of the team, supporting colleagues and participating in Departmental research and administration activities
- Acting in a collegiate and cooperative way and contributing to a positive and inclusive culture in the Department

The above 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 an Associate Professor in Economics you will have:

- A PhD in Economics;
- An established reputation for innovative research;
- A strong 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;
- Significant experience of teaching Economics effectively at all levels within higher education, including module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as successfully attracting and supervising PhD students;
- Outstanding communication and team working skills, including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects;



- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- A successful record of obtaining research funding with the potential to obtain further external funding in the future and clear plans for the pursuit of grant income;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate, support, and inspire your research colleagues and peers;
- Excellent inter-personal skills and the ability to work as a team member;
- The ability to work cooperatively with colleagues and contribute positively to the culture of the Department.

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. 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:

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Or

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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.

