



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Neuroscience, Faculty of Biological Sciences



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

Reference: FBSBM1229

Available on a full-time basis.

This role will be based on the university campus, with scope for it to be undertaken in a hybrid manner. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

Lecturer in Neuroscience School of Biomedical Sciences

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have an established background in Neuroscience? Do you want to further your career in one of the UKs leading research intensive Universities?

A major objective of our school is to drive advances in biomedical research to prevent and manage human disease. Our highly successful team is looking to add expertise in any area of neuroscience that complements our portfolio (which currently includes neural trauma, degeneration and regeneration, sensory and motor neuroscience, brain control of metabolism, neurological basis for psychiatric diseases, and cognition).

The ideal candidate will use their expertise in systems neurobiology, neurophysiology and/or neural circuits to bridge the gap between underlying cellular/molecular mechanisms and behavioural, cognitive or emotional functions related to the healthy and/or compromised nervous system. The appointee will benefit from interactions with our neuroscience team and its resources that include *in vivo* models, behavioural studies, genetic and 'omics' approaches, *in vivo* and *in vitro* imaging, electrophysiology and cell/molecular methods. The post offers the opportunity to translate fundamental research with teams in the [Faculty of Medicine and Health](#). The appointee would contribute to teaching on popular courses within our undergraduate and postgraduate neuroscience courses.

You should have a PhD in neuroscience (or closely aligned field) with expertise in neurobiology.

The University of Leeds and the Faculty of Biological Sciences are committed to providing equal opportunities for all and offer a range of family friendly policies. The University is a charter member of Athena SWAN (the national body that promotes gender equality in higher education), and the Faculty of Biological Sciences was re-awarded a Silver award in 2025. We are proud to be an inclusive Faculty that values all staff, and are happy to consider job share applications and requests for flexible working arrangements from our employees. Our Athena SWAN [webpage](#) provides more information.



Main duties and responsibilities

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level as well as, contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Maintaining a record of high-quality publications of international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high-quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- 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 high-calibre students to the University;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties consistent with the grade of the post may be required.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- A PhD in neuroscience (or closely aligned area) with expertise in systems, neurophysiology, cellular or molecular neurobiology;
- A clear and original programme of research in Neuroscience, with a track record of research outputs in refereed publications that are internationally excellent or world-leading in terms of originality, significance, and rigour;
- A track record of applying for external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;



- A proven record of research-led teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching neuroscience, and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of neuroscience;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

Desirable

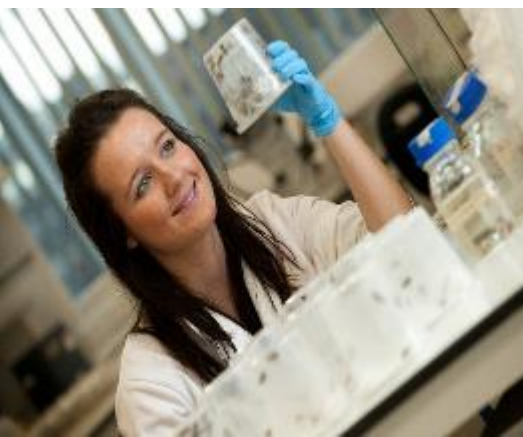
- Track record in cutting-edge neuroscience methodology, such as in vivo imaging and/or electrophysiology; viral gene delivery and manipulations; in situ super-resolution imaging etc.
- Experience with systems neurobiology or neural circuitry research initiatives;
- Success in linking fundamental neurobiology research with clinical teams;
- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA);
- Experience of programme/academic leadership.

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 providing evidence to support each requirement listed on the 'What will you bring to the role' section of the Candidate Brief (no more than two sides of A4, minimum font size 11);
- An academic curriculum vitae, including a list of your publications.



Contact information

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

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Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Biological Sciences](#) and the [School of Biomedical Sciences](#).

At the University of Leeds, we are committed to providing a culture of inclusion, respect and equity of opportunity that attracts, supports, and retains the best students and staff from all backgrounds and from across the world. Whatever role we recruit for we are always striving to increase the diversity of our community, which each individual helps enrich and cultivate. We 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.

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction on 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.

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](#).

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen, this may be your status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

