



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer (Teaching and Research) in Global Medieval History, School of History, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 8 (£48,149 - £57,422 p.a. depending on experience)

Reporting to: Laura King/Sanjoy Bhattacharya, Head of School

Available as Full time, Ongoing

Location: Central campus

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

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Overview of the Role

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out research and teaching in global medieval history? Do you have an established background in interdisciplinary global medieval studies? Are you establishing and pursuing an innovative research agenda with international reach, societal impact and excellence? Are you an enthusiastic educator, committed to inclusive learning and teaching? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

We are looking to appoint a new Lecturer in Global Medieval History, who can expand our expertise and contribute to our undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The successful candidate will carry out their own research projects and design their own research-led modules. The candidate will contribute to teaching on general medieval history modules, such as the Level 1 module [HIST1310 The Medieval World in Ten Objects](#). At MA level they will contribute to our Medieval Studies MA, such as on the module [MEDV5154M Sources, Concepts and Approaches in Medieval Studies](#). They will also teach across our BA History degree more broadly, including the Level 1 [HIST1000 Exploring History](#) module and Level 2 [HIST2025: History in Practice](#).

In the first year of the post, the successful candidate will convene and teach the existing modules [HIST2105 Medieval Romans and the Shape of Afro-Eurasia Today](#) with an emphasis on Afro-Eurasia; [HIST3530 Mapping the Middle Ages: space and representation from the Pacific to the Atlantic](#); and MEDV5155M The Global Middle Ages. The successful candidate will then be able to develop their own modules at Levels 2 and 3 for teaching from the 2027/28 academic year onwards. The successful candidate will also be expected to contribute to leadership roles in the School in due course, and play an active part in securing the continuing reputation of the world-renowned Institute for Medieval Studies.

The School of History at Leeds is a highly-ranked department with a commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. We are ranked 17th by the Guardian University Guide and 15th in the Complete University Guide (2026). We have broad-ranging expertise globally and chronologically, and have a strong commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. We encourage and strongly welcome applicants from minoritised backgrounds to apply for this role (more information below).



Main duties and responsibilities

As a Lecturer (T&R), your main duties will include:

Research, innovation and impact:

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level, including with an interdisciplinary focus;
- Contributing to research initiatives and activities in the School, the Institute for Medieval Studies, and in the Faculty;
- Maintaining a record of high-quality publications of national and 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 postgraduate students to the University;

Student education:

- Undertaking research-led undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at different levels, including assessment of different types, undertaking supervision of student research projects, and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Promoting and developing student competencies related to research and innovative enquiry, core to a research-based education;
- Maintaining expertise at the forefront of your field/disciplinary area and incorporating this into your teaching;
- Playing a significant role in the leadership, design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;

Leadership and management:

- 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;



- Contributing to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion initiatives that create an inclusive environment within the School;
- Carrying out the duties of the post in accordance with the university values of professionalism, inclusiveness, integrity and community supporting the core value of academic excellence.

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 global medieval history/studies;
- A developing track record of high-quality research and impact activities, including outputs in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- The ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects;
- A developing track record of applying for and/or obtaining external research funding with clear plans and potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching global medieval history, with an ability to interact with students, undertake assessment and provide high quality feedback in ways that will enhance the student experience
- The ability and/or willingness to develop and teach syllabuses that includes subjects and historians often underrepresented in the discipline and/or to consider the needs of a diverse student body
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of global medieval history;
- Outstanding communication skills, team working, networking and profile-raising skills, with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your colleagues;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

Desirable

- Expertise that builds on the School's existing research strengths and themes in a distinctive but complementary way;



- Evidence of having actively advanced equalities and inclusion in your place of work
- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- 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.

Contact information

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

Professor Laura King, Head of School (Interim)

Email: l.king@leeds.ac.uk

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.

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 and from across the world. 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/School of History 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. 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.

