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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Interdisciplinary Research Professor, Leeds University Business School



Salary: Grade 10 - Competitive

Reference: BUSMK1010

Closing date: 04 October 2026

Contract: three years fixed term 50% FTE

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Are you passionate about delivering world-leading research, mentoring early career researchers (ECRs) and postgraduate researchers (PGRs)? Are you an experienced academic leader looking for a challenging senior research leadership position?

Leeds University Business School (LUBS) is a full-service business school built on the rigour of disciplinary strength while working in a pluralistic way to deliver impactful research and education. The School is internationally renowned for the quality of its research and enjoys a rapidly growing reputation for the impact of its research on society and the economy. Our work covers the full spectrum of business and management disciplines. We place a premium on international levels of scholarship and research excellence.

We seek to appoint a research professor who can build capacity in high quality interdisciplinary research projects across the business and management discipline whose expertise aligns with multiple research domains at LUBS (Marketing, Strategy, International Business, and Accounting and Finance). It is expected that you are an acknowledged world-leading academic with considerable experience in collaborative research, research mentorship, research funding and PGR supervision. Delivering top-quality research outputs through sustained high-quality publications that contribute to impact and innovation, you will help us to increase our already significant international presence and be a key player in our mission to make an exceptional impact on business and society globally, through interdisciplinary research leadership. With the ability to forge strong partnerships across subject areas and disciplines, you should have excellent organisational, collaborative and communication skills.

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 and research and innovation. Within LUBS, 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 and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.



What does the role entail?

As an Interdisciplinary Research Professor, your main duties will include:

- Contributing to LUBS' research culture and building capacity in interdisciplinary research specifically across Marketing, International Business, Strategy, and Accounting and Finance;
- Establishing and leading a world-class interdisciplinary research programme that delivers sustained, high-quality outputs in leading internationally recognised journals (e.g. FT50, AJG 4*/4), whilst fostering collaborative research with colleagues across LUBS, particularly early career academics;
- Engaging with industry and policy stakeholders to generate research impact and income from contract research, and knowledge exchange activity;
- Obtain research grants from relevant funding bodies;
- Supporting and mentoring less-experienced academic and research staff to promote career development and the nurturing of academic talent;
- Representing the University externally by developing and sustaining networks, and by promoting links with Research Councils and other external organisations;
- Making a major contribution to the strategic academic development, direction, and leadership of the School with respect to interdisciplinary research
- Contributing to our ongoing research training and development programme, e.g., public lecture, research seminars, research masterclasses, meet the editor sessions etc.

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 an Interdisciplinary Research Professor, you will have:

- A PhD or other doctorate in a relevant discipline or equivalent research experience;
- An outstanding record of research and publication meeting international standards of academic excellence and impact, including papers published in elite journals (e.g. FT50, AJG 4/4*), within marketing or related business disciplines;



- A clearly articulated research agenda with a robust pipeline of high-quality work, including revise-and-resubmit manuscripts in leading journals (AJG 4/4*);
- Evidence of securing research funding and other resources to support significant research projects, with the potential to attract further external funding in the future;
- A proven ability to build interdisciplinary research capacity and foster a collaborative research culture across Marketing, International Business, Strategy, and Accounting & Finance, leading to high-quality outputs, external funding opportunities, and research impact.
- A high-level track record of leading research programmes and shaping research, innovation, and impact agendas at national and international levels;
- Evidence of sustained and imaginative academic leadership, demonstrated through personal achievement and the development of colleagues;
- A strong record of effective teamwork and collaborative working;
- The capacity and willingness to take on strategic leadership in interdisciplinary research development across the School, identifying emerging opportunities for collaboration, funding and research impact;
- Excellent organisational and communication skills;
- A clear commitment to promoting and supporting equality, diversity, and inclusion within the School;

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:

- Cover letter (maximum of three pages of A4) - outlining how you will build the interdisciplinary portfolio of Leeds University Business School.
- Examples of outputs - provide two outputs (either under submission or at an advanced stage of development);
- Curriculum vitae - detailing your qualifications, experience and most recent publications.

Contact information



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

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Additional information

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@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.

