UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer (Teaching and Research) in Moral and/or Political Philosophy ¦ School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science ¦ Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 8

Reference: AHCPR1088

Start date: 1 August 2027

Interview date: 10-11 February 2027

100% FTE

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

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Are you an ambitious researcher in Philosophy with the ability to carry out world-leading research and deliver an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Would you like to join and contribute to a vibrant philosophical community within the interdisciplinary School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science?

The School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science at the University of Leeds is seeking an outstanding philosopher with research expertise and teaching experience in moral and/or political philosophy, understood to comprise metanormative theory, moral psychology, normative ethics, political philosophy, and legal philosophy. The successful candidate will lead or direct their own original and independent programme of research at an international standard.

The philosophical community within the School is one of the largest and most vibrant in the UK. We have particular research strengths in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, aesthetics, ethics, and political philosophy. Research activity in the area of this post is supported by the Centre for Aesthetic, Moral and Political Philosophy (CAMP). The School has the ambition to be a dynamic and welcoming community renowned for both its academic excellence and its impact on policy, practice, and public life. We value an inclusive working and learning environment and our aim is to develop a diverse staff and student community reflective of this.

Main duties and responsibilities

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

- Leading your own original and independent programme of 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 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 of the School, Faculty, and University, including in the Centre for Aesthetic, Moral, and Political Philosophy;
- Providing research supervision and helping to attract 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, not a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

Qualifications and skills

Essential

- A PhD in Philosophy or relevant related area (awarded or viva passed) by the starting date of the post;
- A track record of research outputs in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality in one or more of: metanormative theory, moral psychology, normative ethics, political philosophy, legal philosophy;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with outstanding ability to engage students, support learning, and enhance student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of Philosophy;
- Ability to collaborate with peers and contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

Desirable

- Demonstrable ability to make philosophy modules attractive and engaging to a diverse body of current and prospective students by, for example, diversifying the content of the philosophy curriculum or incorporating non-traditional perspectives or approaches.





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.

In addition to the standard online application form that covers the above essential and desirable criteria, please upload the following (in this order) as a single PDF:

1. A standard academic CV;
2. A description of future research plans (1-2 pages), e.g. elaboration of research projects, future publication plans, and/or grant application plans;
3. A recent research writing sample (maximum 10,000 words);

Contact information

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

Prof Pekka Väyrynen, Deputy Head of School (Philosophy and History of Science). Email: p.vayrynen@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

Find out more about the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures.

Find out more about the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science.

Find out more about our Undergraduate Philosophy curriculum.

Find out more about our research centres in Philosophy.

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. To find out more about





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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 School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from women, 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

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.