



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Chair in Language Education



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Professor of Language Education

School of Education

Are you an academic leader with strategic vision in the field of Language Education? Do you have an excellent research record and a track record of obtaining funding? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

As Professor of Language Education you will carry out research, teaching and leadership within the School, Faculty and University with specific emphasis on TESOL and language education within the School of Education. You will be Director of the [Centre for Language Education Research](#) and contribute significantly to the School's research capacity, leading on and contributing to aspects of research-led teaching in Language Education.

You will generate the highest quality research and publications and will respond to new funding priorities and demand in postgraduate research. You will contribute to innovation through engagement with policy and practitioner communities. You will join the Language Education academic group which is internationally recognised for its range of teaching and research in Language Education, TESOL and Applied Linguistics and is one of the largest such groups in the UK. As education practitioners, we have a wide range of experience of teaching and teacher education in many contexts and as researchers we have a breadth of expertise.

Language Education at Leeds aims to achieve global recognition and impact for its research and teaching, providing cutting-edge research and research-informed education for the next generation of leaders in language teaching worldwide. We have proven research strengths in many areas in relation to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), English as a Foreign Language (EFL), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), EAL, and Modern Foreign Languages.

We lead and contribute to BA, MA, EdD and PhD programmes, providing high quality teaching and supervision, leading towards internationally recognised and prestigious qualifications, in a friendly and supportive environment.



What does the role entail?

As a Professor of Language Education your main duties will include:

Research, Innovation and Impact

- To develop and lead research, innovation and impact at an internationally excellent level and maintain an international profile in own field.
- To provide academic leadership for colleagues working within own research area and more widely across the School, the Faculty and the University.
- To promote the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School and Faculty.
- To maintain a high-quality record of research publications in internationally-recognised journals and books.
- To attract research income on an individual and collaborative basis, to underpin high-quality research activity.
- To provide high-quality postgraduate supervision and attract research students to the University.

Student Education

- To undertake research-led teaching at on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and take part in other teaching activities, as appropriate.
- To provide high-quality student support.
- To contribute to School and Faculty policy in teaching.
- To take a lead role or be fully involved in the planning and development of modules and programmes within the subject area.
- To take a lead role or be fully involved in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement.



Leadership and Management

- To contribute significantly to the overall work of the University by representing the School and Faculty on appropriate committees and groups.
- To contribute effectively to the management and administrative processes of the School, Faculty and University.
- To manage or lead major executive tasks (either sustained or one-off projects) which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business.
- To be involved in the recruitment, management and development of staff and act as a mentor to more junior colleagues.
- To provide academic support for the head of School and Faculty.

General

- To contribute to the development and achievement of University, Faculty and School strategy within the context of an international, research-led University.
- To provide academic leadership within the School, Faculty and University.
- To maintain a safe work environment, including ensuring compliance with legislation and the undertaking of risk assessments.

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 Professor of Language Education, you will have:

- A doctorate in the broad area of Language Education or relevant discipline, or equivalent research and experience.
- An international reputation in Language Education with a breadth and depth of academic expertise.
- Excellent leadership and management skills, including management experience at a senior level.
- A clear research agenda that complements and adds to the research strengths of colleagues within the School.
- A proven track-record of significant successful teaching experience, integrating research with learning and teaching to deliver an excellent student experience.
- A sustained and distinguished record of research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single/main author publications.
- Experience of successfully obtaining funding for, developing and managing major research or innovation projects.
- Strategic vision and ability to innovate.
- Evidence of international links and effective engagement with national and international research agendas.
- Evidence of a lead role within the wider academic/professional community.
- A proven track-record of successful PhD supervision.
- Experience of providing high-quality support and guidance to students.
- Ability to work appropriately with other disciplines and research groups.
- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills.
- A capacity to enthuse others and ability to work in, as well as lead, teams.
- An ability to work effectively, responsibly and independently with good organisational skills.



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:

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Additional information

About the job

You will report to the Dean of Faculty through the Head of School.

The School of Education

The school is one of four schools in the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law - the others being: Sociology and Social Policy; Politics and International Studies; Law. The Faculty also hosts the [Leeds Social Sciences Institute](#). There is a strong interdisciplinary social sciences research and teaching culture.

The [School of Education](#) is recognised as a centre of international excellence in educational research and teaching. In terms of world leading research, 90% of our research impact case studies were deemed 'Very Considerable' or 'Outstanding' for impact in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014). The QS World University rankings rated Education at Leeds as in the top 50 in the world in 2016.

In teaching, our high quality courses are informed by cutting-edge research and are relevant to professional contexts in the UK and internationally. The school collaborates with research and teaching partners across the world.



The school is organised into three academic groups; [Teaching and Learning](#), [Language Education](#) and [Childhood and Youth](#). We host five interdisciplinary research centres; the [Centre for Policy Studies in Education](#), the [Centre for Language Education Research](#), the [Centre for Childhood and Youth](#), the [Centre for Digital Learning](#) and the [Centre for Studies in Science and Mathematics Education](#).

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's 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

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.

