



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law



Salary: Grade 7 (£32,004– £38,183 p.a.) The salary spine point is subject to external funding conditions, which will limit the salary at which an appointment can be made to a maximum of £32,958 p.a.

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Fixed-term, available from 1 September 2017 until 29 February 2020

Closing Date: 23 May 2017

Research Fellow

School of Sociology and Social Policy

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in gender/transgender studies? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

Applications are invited for a Research Fellow to work on a major ESRC funded international study into trans male experiences and practices of reproduction led by Dr Sally Hines as Principle Investigator at Leeds (UK).

You will conduct qualitative research including individual and focus group interviews and prepare and present the research findings to academic, professional and non-professional audiences.

You will have knowledge of and experience of contributing to current academic research in the areas of gender and transgender studies, the body and sexuality studies. With a PhD in a relevant area of the social sciences or significant experience of related research in a professional capacity you will have the ability to produce research outputs that are recognised internationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour.

The role will be based in Leeds (UK) although some short-term national and international travel will be required.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Conducting, transcribing, coding and analysing qualitative research under the guidance of Dr Sally Hines. Research will include individual and focus group interviews and virtual research;
- Conducting literature reviews as required;
- Developing and managing the project's social media and website;
- Collaborating with the project team and external members and partners to meet research objectives and milestones;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to your own work;



- Undertaking appropriate organisational and administrative tasks connected to the project and its dissemination;
- Preparing and presenting research findings, bulletins and reports to academic, professional and non-professional audiences;
- Participating in stakeholder engagement and outreach activities;
- Developing and maintaining networks related to the project;
- Managing the competing pressures and deadlines of research, writing for publication and administrative demands;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and independently writing reports.

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 a Research Fellow you will have:

- A PhD, or close to completion, in a relevant area of the social sciences OR significant experience of related research in a professional capacity, such as for a Charity or campaigning organisation;
- Knowledge of and experience of contributing to current academic research in the areas of gender and transgender studies, the body and sexuality studies;
- Evidence of an ability to produce research outputs that are recognised internationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour in the above;
- Knowledge of and conducting a range of research techniques and methods, including individual and focus group interviews, coding and analysing data;
- Ability to present research findings to academic, professional and non-professional audiences, including other stakeholders as appropriate;
- Experience of organising workshops and/or events involving engagement with academic and non-academic stakeholders;
- Experience in using social media to publicise research ;



- Excellent organisational ability, including the ability to manage time effectively and to prioritise tasks;
- Willingness and ability to travel and stay away from home for research duties as required;
- Sensitivity to research ethics.

You may also have:

- Experience of working with members of transgender communities;
- Experience of conducting virtual research;
- Evidence of existing publications and the generation of research outputs of nationally excellent and international quality in a field relevant to the post.

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

Find out more about the [Faculty](#)

Find out more about the [School](#)



Working at Leeds

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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.

