



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Japanese Studies, School of Languages, Cultures and Societies, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures



Salary: Grade 7 (£34,956 - £38,183 p.a.) or Grade 8 (£39,324 - £46,924 p.a.)

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Closing date:

Post available from 1 August 2017

Lecturer in Japanese Studies

School of Languages, Cultures and Societies

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in Japanese Studies? Do you have an excellent research record and a potential for establishing an international reputation? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

As Lecturer in Japanese Studies, you will carry out research and teaching that complements our existing research strengths and teaching interests in the Japanese section of [East Asian Studies](#). On the teaching side, you will be able to teach at all levels of our Single and Joint Honours undergraduate programmes in Japanese Studies. You will also supervise research students and contribute to the Japanese-English specialised translation strands on our MA in Applied Translation Studies (MAATS) and to other relevant MA programmes within the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies.

You will have some relevant teaching experience and a PhD in Japanese Studies, ideally with a specialism in the Religion, Anthropology or History of Japan. You will also pursue a research agenda that builds on your achievements to date and that contributes to the unit's reputation for high quality and innovative research, and contribute to the effective management of the School, Faculty, and wider University.

What does the role entail?

As a Lecturer in Japanese Studies, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels in Japanese Studies; this will include assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Teaching advanced practical Japanese-English translation at MA level and supervising summer extended translation projects;
- Contributing to other cross-School teaching programmes as appropriate;



- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Pursuing and maintaining a record of high quality publications of national and international standing suitable for inclusion in the School's submission to the research excellence framework or other research assessment exercises;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively where appropriate and feasible 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 students to the University;
- Contributing to the vitality of East Asian Studies at Leeds by organising and attending lectures, seminars and other events beyond the teaching provision;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty.

At Grade 8, your main duties will also include:

- Being actively involved in research, innovation and impact at a national and international level as well as contributing to local School/Faculty activity;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- 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 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 Lecturer in Japanese Studies, you will have:

- A PhD in Japanese Studies, ideally with a specialism in the Religion, Anthropology or History of Japan, or a cognate discipline;



- Native, or near-native, competency in the Japanese language and the ability to teach and supervise projects on Japanese-English translation;
- A track record of research outputs commensurate with career stage, with publications already completed and further outputs in prospect;
- Clear plans for obtaining external research funding;
- The ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching Japanese Studies and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of Japanese Studies;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- The ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

At Grade 8, you will also have:

- A track record of research outputs, including a strong portfolio of publications for the next REF and will be establishing an international reputation;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future.

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of programme/academic leadership;
- Knowledge of/ research covering one or more other East Asian countries.

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

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.

