



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in African Studies, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures, or
Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law



Salary: Grade 7 (£34,956 – £38,183 p.a.)

Reference: AHCFO1010

Closing date: 10 July 2017

Fixed-term for three years

Lecturer in African Studies

To be held in the School of English, History, Philosophy, Religion and the History of Science (PRHS), or Politics and International Studies (POLIS).

Are you keen to contribute to the development of the North of England's most vibrant interdisciplinary Centre for African Studies? Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out research-led teaching in African History, Literary Studies, Politics or Religious Studies? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Do you have an excellent research record and the potential to establish an international reputation?

As Lecturer, you will teach on Leeds University's Centre for African Studies' (LUCAS) existing interdisciplinary modules, and on modules within your host School. You will develop new modules, related to your research area, which will enhance the curriculum of your host School, and African Studies more broadly. You will be expected to contribute to LUCAS's interdisciplinary research culture, through organising events, building relationships with partner organizations, and developing collaborative research funding applications. You will also contribute to the administration and management of LUCAS.

You will have a PhD in African History, Literary Studies, Global Development, International Relations, Politics or Religious Studies (or a related field) alongside a clear plan for future research including the pursuit of research grant income. You will have relevant teaching experience and an enthusiastic approach to teaching African Studies.

What does the role entail?

As Lecturer in African Studies your main duties will include:

- Undertaking teaching on interdisciplinary Level 1 modules Contemporary Africas and Creative Africas, additional teaching in your host School, the development of new LUCAS modules, and assessment and examinations;



- 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 suitable for inclusion in the host School's submissions to the research excellence framework or other research assessment exercises;
- Attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity and to support a developing research agenda;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with the research interests of other Africanists in Leeds;
- Working with academics to promote their work and the profile of the Centre;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and activities of LUCAS, including editorial responsibilities within, and organising conferences and seminar series;
- Leading the outreach programme, working with non-academics to promote understanding of Africa and links with LUCAS.

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 Lecturer in African Studies you will have:

- A PhD in African History, Literary Studies, Global Development, International Relations, Politics or Religious Studies (or a related field);
- Ideas, energy and enthusiasm to further develop LUCAS's activities;
- A track record of research outputs commensurate with career stage, with publications already completed and further outputs in prospect;
- The ability to demonstrate how you will contribute to the REF submission of the relevant host School;
- The potential for establishing an international reputation and a clear plan for future work both for the next REF and for the pursuit of research grant income;
- The ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment and in the discipline of your host School, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching African Studies



and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;

- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- The ability to contribute to LUCAS's management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff;
- A proven ability to set priorities in your academic and professional activities, to work effectively without close supervision, and as part of a team.

You may also have:

- Experience of public engagement;
- Editorial experience;
- Experience of organising conferences and workshops;
- A relevant teaching qualification and a Higher Education Academy Fellowship.

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 [LUCAS](#) and the Schools of [English](#), [History](#), [PRHS](#), and [POLIS](#).

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and will report to the Head of School (School to be confirmed following discussion at interview).



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.

