

Job Description – Lecturer in Applied Linguistics and English Language

About the Role

We are seeking to appoint a Lecturer in Applied Linguistics and English Language within the School of Languages and Applied Linguistics.

The lecturer will contribute to the production and maintenance of undergraduate distance learning modules. They will be expected to work with others to deliver existing modules covering a range of curriculum areas in the field of English Language Studies, primarily focused on social perspectives on language issues. In the first instance, the lecturer will be particularly involved in our award-winning Level 1 module Communication Skills for Business Management (LB170). They will also undertake high quality research, working independently and in collaboration with other members of the School.

The appointee will seek to enhance research synergies between members of the Applied Linguistics and English Language team and the school more broadly.

Key Responsibilities

- Playing a full part in the production and maintenance of existing courses, including designing assignments, writing new module materials, monitoring tutor grading and feedback, and participating in assessment and award boards.
- Contributing to decisions about curriculum, teaching, and assessment strategies.
- Developing synergies between teaching and research by developing a personal research plan that aligns with one or more of the School's research themes.
- Conducting research in one (or more) of the following areas of applied linguistics:
 - Critical perspectives on English for academic and/or professional purposes (Please note this is **NOT** a TEFL/TESOL post.)
 - Business English/business communication in a global context
 - Academic literacies
 - Interactional linguistics and intercultural communication
- Promoting equal opportunities across all aspects of School activities including teaching and research.
- Undertaking any other duties as required by the Head of School.

Skills and experience

Essential:

- PhD in the field of Applied Linguistics and/or English Language.
- Previous teaching or course design experience in one, or more, of the following:
 - Embedded academic literacy in or across disciplines (e.g. business management)
 - Business and/or professional communication
 - Language and communication in social contexts
- An emerging research profile in an area of Applied Linguistics and English Language, commensurate to career stage (particular areas of interest are given above).
- A strong record of research dissemination and/or knowledge exchange that is commensurate to the position
- An ability to write materials for online and offline study in, and outside of, your immediate area of expertise.
- An understanding of supported open and distance learning.
- An understanding of the role of new technologies within blended teaching and learning.
- A strong commitment to excellence in inclusive learning and teaching for a diverse student population (i.e. diversifying the curriculum and/or making materials accessible to a broad range of students).
- Ability to work effectively, flexibly and collaboratively with others; being reflective and self-critical of personal contributions.
- Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with a range of stakeholders.
- Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure.

Desirable:

- HEA or equivalent accreditation.
- Previous experience of teaching at a distance.
- Experience of bidding for external research funding