Lecturer
Politics

Closing date: 03 December 2017
Interview date: TBC
Vacancy reference: 6122
INTRODUCTION

The University of York wishes to appoint three new Lecturers in the Department of Politics. The new appointments will undertake research of the highest international standards in her or his specialist field, and make a major positive contribution to the research standing and culture of the Department. They will also play a full part in course design, teaching, research supervision, and administration in the Department. The post is open as to sub-field, but we will seek to appoint an outstanding candidate with a proven track record of teaching and research expertise in one or more of our core research sub-fields of conflict, security and development, political economy, comparative politics and public policy, and political theory and/or philosophy. The posts are available from 1 September 2018, and are on an open contract.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Professor Martin Smith (martin.smith@york.ac.uk), Head of Department, for a confidential informal discussion.

Professor Martin Smith
Head of Department
Main purpose of the role

- To develop research objectives, projects and proposals and carry out individual or collaborative research projects
- To lead on and/or contribute to the production of research outputs and research outcomes.
- To design, develop and deliver teaching across a wide range of modules and/or within a particular programme or subject area
- To undertake effectively a range of administrative and managerial responsibilities

Key responsibilities

(Role holders will be required to undertake some or all of the duties below)

Research and Scholarship

- To develop and promote the research activities of the department by developing a personal research plan independently and/or in collaboration with others as part of a larger research team
- To plan, manage and undertake research activities in accordance with a specific project plan, and to manage and guide the work of staff and research students on own specialist area
- To develop innovative research proposals, identify and obtaining external sources of funding
- To publish original research in appropriate journals or other relevant media as appropriate and attend international conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results or for personal development

Teaching and Promotion of Learning

- To develop innovative teaching materials, techniques and module design and take responsibility for the quality of the provision
- To plan, deliver and critically review a range of teaching and assessment activities
- To undertake academic supervision of students (including research students) and act as a research supervisor within own specialist subject area.
- To set and mark practical sessions, supervisions, fieldwork and examinations and provide constructive feedback to students
- To identify areas where current teaching provision is in need of revision or improvement and propose and implement improvements

Management and Administration

- To undertake the duties of a Programme Director and Module Co-ordinator and be responsible for the design, development and management of departmental teaching modules
- To contribute to the recruitment and selection of research and teaching staff
- To contribute to the administration and management of the department
- To advise, supervise and give guidance to other departmental staff as appropriate
- To develop and build internal and external contacts
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<td>PhD in a relevant subject or equivalent experience</td>
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<td>Appropriate academic professional and teaching qualifications or a willingness to complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice</td>
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## Knowledge

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<td>Specialist knowledge in subject area</td>
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<td>Knowledge of a range of research techniques and methodologies</td>
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<td>Knowledge of a range of teaching techniques to enthuse and engage students</td>
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<td>Advanced and specialist IT knowledge</td>
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<td>Has research expertise in an area that will complement and enhance the department’s research strategy and goals</td>
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## Skills, abilities and competencies

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<td>Ability to develop research objectives, projects and proposals</td>
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<td>Well-developed analytical skills</td>
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<td>Highly developed oral and written communication skills, including ability to write and/or contribute to publications and/or to disseminate research findings using other appropriate media</td>
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<td>Ability to deliver presentations at conferences or exhibit work at other appropriate events internally and externally</td>
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<td>Ability to extend, transform, and apply knowledge from scholarship</td>
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<td>Ability to design teaching material and deliver either across a range of modules or within a subject area</td>
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<td>Ability to supervise the work of others, for example in research teams or projects or as an MSc PhD or postdoctoral supervisor</td>
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<td>Excellent IT skills</td>
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<td>Proven ability to contribute to high quality research which is publicly evidenced</td>
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<td>Experience of taking responsibility for teaching and learning at undergraduate and ideally postgraduate level</td>
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<td>Evidence of successful course planning, design and delivery across a range of modules, with exemplification of teaching materials</td>
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<td>Evidence of dissemination of research findings which may include: the presentation of papers at conferences and workshops; participation in public engagement events to disseminate research; the publishing of chapters in textbooks; the publishing of papers; articles or reviews in academic journals or elsewhere; the construction of websites</td>
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<td>Show attention to detail and commitment to high quality</td>
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<td>Display creativity, initiative and judgement in applying appropriate approaches to teaching, learning support and scholarly activities</td>
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<td>Positive attitude to colleagues and students</td>
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<td>Willingness to work proactively with colleagues in other work areas/institutions</td>
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<td>Ability to plan and prioritise own work in order to meet deadlines</td>
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<td>Commitment to personal development and updating of knowledge and skills</td>
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<td>Collaborative ethos</td>
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<td>Show commitment to the department/university outside of their chosen field, for example undertaking management and administration duties</td>
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The Department of Politics is one of the leading centres for research and teaching in Politics and International Studies in the United Kingdom. It was recently ranked eighth in the country for its research performance in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. The Department also achieves a high level of external recognition for its teaching, and is currently in the top ten of both the Guardian and Times/Sunday Times league tables.

The Department is characterised by a strongly international character, intellectual pluralism, and a commitment both to innovative research and to the application of this knowledge to significant political problems. The Department has undergone a period of significant growth over the past five years, and now consists of 55 academic and teaching staff and 12 support staff. This growth is set to continue, and these posts will contribute to the development of one of our key areas of research and teaching.

Research

The Politics Department at York places research at the centre of its activities. The Department was ranked eighth nationally in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, and is strongly committed to improving this position. Staff are currently organised into four research clusters in the Department, with overlapping membership: Comparative Politics and Public Policy, Conflict, Security and Development, Political Economy and Political Theory. For further information on our research, including cluster activities and a range of current externally funded research projects please see our web pages: [http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/research/](http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/research/)

Both individual and collaborative research in the Department is generously supported. In addition to an individual research allowance, staff enjoy a research leave scheme with eligibility for two terms' leave after nine terms' service. There are also department and University funds to support a range of collaborative and individual research activities. There is a strong departmental commitment to supporting innovative and high quality research, and research support in the Department includes an extensive research mentoring and peer review scheme, as well as the Departmental seminar programme, workshop programmes supported by the Department’s research clusters, lectures and conferences, and a range of other activities. Much of the Department’s research is externally funded, with awards from a wide range of sources including the ESRC, the British Academy, British Council, DFID, the Nuffield Foundation, the EU, the Leverhulme Trust, United States Institute of Peace, UNDP, and the World Bank.

Staff also play an active role in a range of interdisciplinary centres and units across the University, including the Centre for Applied Human Rights, the Morrell Centre for Toleration, the Centre for Urban Research, the Post-War Reconstruction and Development Unit, the Centre for Women's Studies, the Centre for Ecology, Law and Politics, the Centre for
Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, the Centre for Modern Studies, and the York Environmental Sustainability Institute. Staff also collaborate with colleagues at the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield through the White Rose consortium.

Teaching and Learning

Although we are a research-intensive Department we take our teaching very seriously. Our aim is to maintain a collegiate atmosphere where academic practice encompasses equitably distributed research, teaching and administrative duties throughout the staff group.

We currently offer three undergraduate BA (Hons) degrees within the Department:

- Politics
- Politics with International Relations
- International Relations

From 2017 students registered on any of the above programmes can also opt to add an additional year between year two and three to study abroad or to take a professional work placement.

In addition we offer two joint degrees:

- Politics and English
- Politics and History

We also participate in two interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programmes:

Philosophy, Economics and Politics
Social and Political Sciences

The Department has a large graduate school, with currently 120 MA students and 35 PhD students. There are ten postgraduate taught programmes in the Department:

- MA Political Research
- MA Conflict, Governance and Development
- MA in Contemporary History and International Politics)
- MA International Political Economy
- MA International Relations
- MA Political Theory
- MA Post-War Recovery Studies
- MA Public Administration and Public Policy
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Administration and International Development

In addition, the Department participates in an interdisciplinary programme, MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

We host a vibrant PhD community, with students from across the discipline. The Politics Department at York is a member of the White Rose Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Centre. With 48 studentships, this is the second largest DTC. The Politics Department participates in pathways in Politics and International Relations, International Development, Security, Conflict and Justice, among others. The Department is also a member of the Arts and Humanities Research Council White Rose College of the Humanities.

For more details about the Department, our research and our teaching, please visit our website: [http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/](http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/)
THE UNIVERSITY

Founded on principles of excellence, equality and opportunity for all, the University of York opened in 1963 with just 230 students. In 2017 it is the home of more than 17,000 students across more than 30 academic departments and research centres. Since opening over fifty years ago, we have become one of the world’s leading universities and a member of the prestigious Russell Group.

We are consistently recognised as one of the leading Higher Education Institutes and one of just six post-war universities which appear in the world top 100 (2013-14) and 15th in the Times & Sunday Times league table (2016). The University of York has won six Times Higher Education (THE) Awards and five Queen’s Anniversary Prizes.

The University is proud of its association with Athena SWAN, holding 12 awards in support of gender equality, representation and success for all, with gold awards for Chemistry and Biology and a University-wide bronze award.

Of 154 universities that took part in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2014, The University of York ranked 14th overall and 10th for the impact of our research. The University is consistently in the top ten UK research universities and attracts over £60m a year of funding from research alone.

Our vision is to make the University of York a world leader in the creation of knowledge through fundamental and applied research, the sharing of knowledge by teaching students from varied backgrounds and the application of knowledge for the health, prosperity and well-being of people and society.
Attractive workplace

Centred around the picturesque village of Heslington on the edge of the city of York, our colleges are set in an attractive landscaped campus. York enjoys a safe, friendly atmosphere with facilities including bars, shops, theatres and concert halls all within easy walking distance.

The University has undergone an unprecedented period of expansion and renewal since 2000. We have invested in twenty new buildings on the original campus and have completed the first and second phases of a £750m campus expansion. Our investment in new colleges, teaching and learning spaces, laboratories, research facilities and a new sports village mean there has never been a better time to join us.

During this period of change we’ve worked hard to retain our friendly, informal and collegiate atmosphere, which is important to our core values of inclusivity and interdisciplinarity.

We have a thriving international community and are committed to providing staff moving to York with as much support as possible through our Relocation Package and Welcome Officers.

The University aims to offer a nurturing and supportive environment as an employer. Flexible working hours, nursery facilities, childcare vouchers, cycle to work scheme, generous holidays and an attractive pension scheme all make the University of York one of the region’s leading employers.

For further information please visit our employee benefit pages.
The City of York

Internationally acclaimed for its rich heritage and historic architecture, York's bustling streets are filled with visitors from all over the world. Within its medieval walls you will find the iconic gothic Minster, Clifford's Tower and the Shambles - just a few of the many attractions.

But York isn't just a great place to visit - it's also a great place to live and work. While nourishing a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere, York still maintains the friendly sense of community unique to a small city.

Visit www.visityork.org for more information on the city of York

Shopping, culture and entertainment

York boasts specialist and unique boutiques but also all the high street stores on its busy shopping streets. Alongside them you will find cinemas, theatres, an opera house, art galleries, a vast range of restaurants, live music venues and clubs. York is particularly renowned for its multitude of pubs and bars, from the modern to the medieval.

Housing and schools

Whether you choose to live close to the city, in one of the surrounding villages or further afield, you will find a wide range of housing within comfortable distance of York and the University. For families, the area has a range of excellent schools both in the state and independent sector.

Great location

York is one of Britain's best-connected cities. Halfway between London and Edinburgh on the East Coast mainline, on intercity trains you can reach London King’s Cross in less than two hours and Edinburgh in two and a half hours. York is also well served by road links, and it is easily accessible from the A1, M1 and the M62.

For those travelling from overseas, Manchester Airport is two hours away and Heathrow Airport just three and a half. Flights from nearby Leeds Bradford Airport provide easy access to mainland Europe. By Eurostar from London St Pancras, Paris is just over six hours away.

Yorkshire

The Lonely Planet guide recently declared Yorkshire the third best region in the world to visit. There is something to cater to every taste, whether it be the rugged landscapes of the Moors or the Dales, the picturesque seaside towns of Scarborough and Robin Hoods Bay, the gothic architecture of Whitby or the vibrancy of cosmopolitan Leeds.
Apply online

- Go to https://jobs.york.ac.uk
- Find this job using reference 6122
- Complete the online application form

You will need to submit your completed application by midnight (local UK time) on 03 December 2017.

What will I need?

You will need to upload:
- your CV
- a letter describing how you meet the requirements of the job

You will also need details of 3 referees.

Help and assistance

Direct any informal queries to martin.smith@york.ac.uk

If you have any questions about your application, contact the HR Services team:

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+44 (0)1904 324835