Associate Lecturer in Medieval Literature, with Old Norse

Department: English and Related Literature
Hours of work: Full-time, 37 hours a week
Contract type: Fixed-term for 12 months
Salary: Grade 6, £34,308 a year
Introduction

The Department of English and Related Literature seeks to appoint an Associate Lecturer in Medieval Literature, with a specialism in Old Norse. The successful candidate will teach students on four undergraduate modules: A World of Literature I: Classics and Cultural Encounters (cross-period), Shock of the New: Medieval Literature, Approaches to Literature II: Other Worlds (early modern and medieval), and Old Norse Literature. They will undertake MA supervision as required, and be an active member of the Department’s Medieval School and the University of York’s world-leading Centre for Medieval Studies.

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in a relevant area, or have equivalent relevant experience, and will have experience in supporting students and enabling them to thrive.

The successful candidate will join one of the world’s leading English departments, which boasts an outstanding research record, a distinctive international outlook, and a deep-rooted commitment to excellence in learning and teaching. They will be a champion for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and will contribute to our ongoing project to decolonise and diversify the curriculum and Department.

Interview date: 15th September 2022, to start as soon as possible thereafter. For informal inquiries, please contact our Head of Department, Professor Helen Smith.

Main purpose of the role

- To lecture, lead seminars, tutorials and other forms of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching
- To develop and apply innovative and appropriate teaching techniques and material which create interest, understanding and enthusiasm amongst students
- To carry out on-going curriculum review, including module content and materials and contribute to the development of teaching and learning strategies
- To undertake effectively a range of administrative responsibilities

Key responsibilities

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

Teaching and Promotion of Learning

- To support the teaching objectives of the department by delivering teaching through allocated lectures, tutorials and other forms of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. Set and mark coursework and exams, providing constructive feedback to students.
- To develop where appropriate revisions to existing modules or courses in terms of design, content, structure, forms of delivery, method of assessment
- To develop own teaching materials, methods and approaches, with guidance. Obtain and analyse feedback on own teaching design and delivery to facilitate this.
- To contribute to the development of new teaching approaches and course proposals and to the design of curricula which are academically excellent, coherent and intellectually challenging.
- To ensure that course design and delivery comply with the quality standards and regulations of the University and department.
**Administrative and support responsibilities**

- To provide – with mentoring - supervision to students, giving advice on study skills and helping with learning problems.
- To identify the learning needs of students and define learning objectives.
- To supervise student projects, field trips and, where appropriate, placements.
- To undertake various administrative responsibilities as requested by the Head of Department.

**Involvement in scholarship and development**

To investigate innovative teaching, learning and assessment methods and techniques in the sector, bringing new insights to the department.
## Person specification

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### Knowledge

- Detailed knowledge in medieval literature, with a specialism in Old Norse, sufficient to develop teaching and provide relevant learning support to students across different levels of academic ability

### Skills, abilities and competencies

- Highly developed communication skills to engage effectively with a wide audience, both orally and in writing, using a range of media
- Ability to design and deliver teaching material either across a range of modules or within a subject area
- Ability to supervise the work of students, provide advice on study skills and assist with learning problems
- Ability to contribute to the design of course material, content and new teaching approaches in the department
- Ability to manage and deliver own teaching
- Ability to plan, manage, organise and assess own teaching contributions

### Experience

- Experience in teaching and learning in HE at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level or in an evidenced similar context
- Experience of using different delivery techniques to enthuse and engage students
- Evidence of successful planning and designing teaching material

### Personal attributes

- Attention to detail and commitment to high quality
- Creativity, initiative and judgement in applying appropriate approaches to teaching and learning support
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