

Candidate Information

Position: Reader in Commercial Law
School/Department: School of Law
Reference: 22/110347
Closing Date: Monday 28 November 2022
Salary: £61,823 - £67,540 per annum.
Anticipated Interview Date: Monday 19 December 2022

JOB PURPOSE:

To undertake research and provide research leadership in line with the School's research strategy, to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and to contribute to the School's administration/outreach activity, particularly in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived including, but not limited to banking and finance law; corporate law including corporate finance; international sale of goods; private international law and arbitration; undertake research in line with the School's research strategy in Commercial Law broadly conceived; to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and to contribute to School's administration/leadership activity.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Teaching:

1. Provide high quality teaching in the area of Commercial Law within the School at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels (inclusive of LL.M in International Commercial and Business Law).
2. Develop and teach courses or learning programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students within the Law degree courses, having overall responsibility for their design and quality.
3. Provision of teaching within foundations of legal knowledge subjects as required.
4. Plan and review own teaching load and approach to teaching and coach others in doing the same.
5. Act as internal examiner for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Research:

1. Develop and contribute to the research strategies of the School and maintain a reputation as an expert in own subject area.
2. Sustain an extensive track record of research publications in Commercial Law broadly conceived, publishing in refereed journals/ with leading publishers and presenting at national/international conferences.
3. Develop innovative research proposals and lead funding bids.
4. Direct, mentor and develop research staff, where appropriate.
5. Ensure that research projects are completed on time and within budget.
6. Act as referee and contribute to peer assessment of research.
7. Provide supervision of part-time and full-time research students.

Administration/Contribution to the Community:

1. Contribute significantly (commensurate with grade of appointment) to the development and running of the School by taking on appropriate School leadership roles.
2. Act as mentor or appraiser to colleagues, including Teaching Assistants, advising on their personal development and ensuring that they are meeting the standards required.
3. Provide pastoral care for students within own area to ensure, as far as practicable, that relevant issues are dealt with in a timely, sympathetic and effective manner.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. A first degree in Law or another qualification which includes subjects that equate to the Foundations of Legal Knowledge.
2. A PhD in Law or other relevant subject.
3. Sustained publication record of at least international excellence in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived.
4. Record of securing external research funding as appropriate to subject area and/or demonstrable ability to secure the same.

5. Sustained record of dissemination, commensurate with stage of career, nationally and internationally.
6. Ability to strengthen the School's national and international research networks.
7. Substantial experience of teaching and assessment at undergraduate and postgraduate level in Commercial Law broadly conceived such as, but not limited to, banking and finance law; corporate law including corporate finance; international sale of goods; private international law and arbitration.
8. Ability to contribute to the School's LLMs particularly the LLM in International Commercial and Business Law.
9. Ability to contribute to teaching within the foundations of legal knowledge subjects.
10. Demonstrate the ability to deliver excellent teaching.
11. Contribution to a wider range of administrative and leadership tasks at a more strategic level.
12. Willingness and ability to contribute to the management of the School in general.
13. Demonstrate evidence of ability to communicate complex information clearly and effectively.
14. Ability to provide effective leadership.
15. Evidence of good interpersonal skills and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Sustained contribution to Commercial Law academic community, evidenced by means of peer-reviews for specialist journals, membership of editorial boards of specialist journals, longstanding membership learned societies (or such sections of generalists learned societies).
2. Experience of leading externally-funded collaborative projects.
3. Experience of serving in major leadership roles in such as Director of Research Centre/Director of Education/ Director of Research.