

Candidate Information

Position: Lecturer (Education) in Modern American Literature
School/Department: School of Arts, English and Languages
Reference: 25/112589
Closing Date: Monday 9 June 2025
Salary: £45,349 - £62,695 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Monday 16 June 2025
Duration: 5 months (starting 1 September 2025)

JOB PURPOSE:

The School of Arts, English and Languages seeks to appoint a temporary 0.5 Lecturer (Education) in Modern American Literature for a fixed term of 5 months (starting 1 September 2025). The successful candidate will teach a stage-three module, Writing New York, and contribute both to the teaching in English at undergraduate level and to School administration.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Teaching:

1. Convene and teach Writing New York, a stage 3 module, at undergraduate level. Where appropriate, other teaching duties may be assigned by the Subject Lead.
2. Select appropriate assessment instruments and criteria, assess the work and progress of students by reference to the criteria and provide constructive feedback to students.
3. Seek ways of improving performance by reflecting on teaching design and delivery and obtaining and analysing feedback.
4. Supervise undergraduate dissertations.
5. Help to develop appropriate teaching approaches and contribute to curriculum development.

Scholarly Activity:

1. Engage in scholarly activity, e.g. participate in conferences, external funding applied for, book reviews and teaching/professional materials published.
2. Develop networking links with relevant professional bodies to ensure that own teaching reflects current best practice in own area of subject specialism.
3. Maintain and develop teaching and subject expertise.

Administration/Contribution to the Community:

1. Contribute to the School's outreach strategy by developing external links.
2. Provide pastoral care for students within own area to ensure that all issues are dealt with in a timely, sympathetic and effective manner.
3. Carry out designated routine School administrative duties, including, for example, committee work, course administration etc.
4. Be responsible for the record-keeping associated with teaching and the preparation of teaching materials.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have, or be about to obtain a PhD in modern American literature and/or modernist literature in English.
2. Relevant teaching experience at undergraduate level.
3. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
4. High level of analytical capability.
5. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
6. Effective interpersonal skills to liaise with students and colleagues.
7. Ability to encourage commitment to learn in others.
8. Ability to assess and organise resources.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. PGCHET/UK HEA Certificate in Professional Studies or equivalent overseas teaching qualification.
2. Ability to design course materials and to plan and organise the delivery and assessment of taught courses in own specialism.
3. Experience of supervising undergraduate dissertation projects.