

Candidate Information

Position: Lecturer in International Relations
School/Department: School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
Reference: 25/112870
Closing Date: Monday 13 October 2025
Salary: £45,349 - £62,695 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date: Wednesday 5 November 2025
Duration: Permanent

JOB PURPOSE:

To undertake research in line with the School's research strategy, to teach and supervise at undergraduate and postgraduate level, and to contribute to the School's administration/outreach activity.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Teaching:

1. To teach existing modules on the Politics and International Relations curriculum as required to undergraduates and postgraduates, and to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations.
2. To deliver teaching and assessment activities including lectures and coursework according to own area of subject specialism in International Relations.
3. Develop approaches to teaching and learning which are appropriate for the subject area and reflect developing practice.
4. Contribute to the enhancement of quality teaching within the subject, School and University.
5. Develop and advise others on learning and teaching tasks and methods.
6. Contribute to the design of innovative teaching programmes.

Research:

1. Pursue research in International Relations that is internationally excellent/world leading.
2. Produce publications that are internationally excellent/world-leading with quality peer-reviewed journals and publishers.
3. Contribute to the School's Politics and International Relations research culture. This will include contributing to research seminars, organizing and delivering to conferences, and other events as opportunities arise.
4. Develop research projects that will have the potential to generate knowledge transfer / impact and secure appropriate external funding where applicable.

Administration/Contribution to the Community:

1. Carry out designated School administrative duties, including for example, committee work, course administration, etc.
2. Provide pastoral care for students in the School and ensure that all issues are dealt with in a timely, sympathetic and effective manner.
3. Contribute to the School's outreach strategy by developing external links.
4. Develop links with relevant external bodies to create opportunities for future knowledge transfer/public engagement and future research projects.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. A completed PhD in International Relations or cognate subject.
2. Evidence of high-quality research and the ability to produce publications in the field of IR, broadly defined, of an international standard commensurate with stage of career.
3. Expert knowledge of the broad field of IR as well as an area of specialism and/or relevant sub-field.
4. Broad general knowledge of IR sufficient to be able to significantly contribute to the undergraduate Politics & IR teaching programme.
5. Evidence of committed participation within the academic community, nationally and internationally.

6. Demonstrable evidence of high-quality teaching in IR at an undergraduate level and the potential for outstanding teaching at MA level.
7. Clear potential for successful supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations.
8. Evident skills in, and commitment to, developing student learning and the quality of the student experience.
9. Willingness to contribute in full to the School's administrative tasks as required, including undertaking outreach and internationalization activities (e.g., student recruitment and liaison).
10. Excellent interpersonal and communication (oral and written) skills, including the ability to work as an effective team member.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. PGCHET (or equivalent) and/or Associate Fellow/Fellow of the Higher Education Academy status, or equivalent.
2. Evidence of active international research collaboration or participation in international research networks.
3. Track record of earning research income.
4. Strong teaching evaluations or peer reviews of teaching.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Informal enquiries may be directed to: Professor Muir MacCarthaigh, email: m.maccarthaigh@qub.ac.uk or Dr Heather Johnson, email: h.johnson@qub.ac.uk.