

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW

Department of Politics and Public Policy

Lecturer in Urban Studies and Public Policy (VC2020 Lectureship)

Full Time, Permanent

Grade F: £32,600 - £35,609 per annum

As part of De Montfort University's VC2020 Lectureship programme, we are looking to appoint an outstanding early career researcher to a Lectureship in Public Policy, with a specialism in urban studies. This permanent appointment is one of three new full-time posts the Department will be making in 2016. This post is focussed on strengthening the Department's research and teaching expertise in Urban and related studies. The post-holder will contribute to the work of the newly established Centre for Urban Research on Austerity (CURA) led by Professor Jonathan Davies. The successful candidate will have a strong emerging research profile, able to contribute to and eventually lead grant applications. They will be able to make a strong contribution to any future REF exercise.

We are particularly keen to encourage applications from urbanists working on themes linked to austerity and related concepts, including security, violence, resilience, renaissance, innovation and resistance. We welcome applicants with expertise in fields such as governance, housing and regeneration policy, local economic development and labour markets and sustainable cities. An international or comparative perspective will also be an advantage.

You will be joining De Montfort University (DMU), the most improved university in the UK, according to the 2015 Times and Sunday Times league table. DMU is renowned for creativity and innovation with our own distinctive way of doing things. You will be a member of the Department of Politics and Public Policy, with its impressive track record in governance research and teaching. The Department is based in the recently completed £35 million Hugh Aston building which offers excellent teaching and research support facilities.

Alongside your application form you should also submit a covering letter including a statement of research and teaching interests, plans for the next 3 years and a current CV with a list of publications and research grants. Further information relating to the work of CURA can be obtained from @cura2015 and <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/CURA>.

Informal enquiries may be made to:

Professor Alasdair Blair, Head of Department, Email: ablair@dmu.ac.uk or
Professor Jonathan Davies, Email: jsdavies@dmu.ac.uk

Please quote

reference: 9475

Closing Date: 10 January 2016

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Job Description

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	Duties of the role
<p>Overall purpose of the role</p>	<p>This permanent appointment is part of the Vice-Chancellor's lectureships programme, which aims to enable individuals to grow and develop in their area of expertise in a fully supported teaching and research environment, with access to funding and development to enable them to progress along a teaching and research trajectory.</p> <p>The appointment is one of three new full-time posts the Department will be making in 2016. This post is focussed on strengthening the Department's research and teaching in Urban and related studies, with a particular view to developing the work of the newly established Centre for Urban Research on Austerity (CURA). The person appointed will benefit from a mentoring scheme and the ability to participate in staff development opportunities. Further information relating to the work of CURA can be obtained from @CURA2015 and http://www.dmu.ac.uk/CURA.</p> <p>The Department of Politics and Public Policy presently comprises a group of twenty-one members of staff, covering a broad range of subject areas. The Department has six Professors and 1 Reader. The Head of Department is Professor Alasdair Blair.</p> <p>Research in the area of urban studies and governance has an international profile at DMU and draws on a core group of staff that include Professor Jonathan Davies, Professor Steven Griggs, Professor Jo Richardson, Professor Phil Almond and Dr Valeria Guarneros Meza. Our work in this area has considerable academic and policy influence in and beyond DMU. Professor Jonathan Davies is presently leading a major ESRC research project on the study of austerity governance which builds on Professor Steven Griggs' earlier ESRC Knowledge Transfer Programme award.</p> <p>The successful candidate will undertake undergraduate and postgraduate teaching across a range of politics and public policy modules as well as developing teaching in their own area of research specialism.</p>

Duties of the role

Main duties and responsibilities

The post holder will contribute to the development of research and teaching in Politics and Public Policy and, where appropriate, take leadership responsibility for such developments.

The post holder will be responsible for:

Research

- Planning and executing a research programme of internationally-leading quality within a relevant field.
- Contributing to the Department's research profile, including publishing in high-quality journals.
- Working with members of the Department to build collaborative research projects as appropriate.
- Developing research projects and grant applications.
- Enhancing the Department's profile by contributions to conferences, learned and professional bodies as appropriate.
- Act as a role model for other researchers (including Masters and Doctoral students) in the Department.

Teaching and Learning

- Teaching, assessing and contributing to the management of undergraduate and postgraduate modules in Politics and Public Policy.
- Developing the teaching of Urban Studies in the Department of Politics and Public Policy and the Faculty of Business and Law.
- Initiating, supervising and assessing student projects.
- Developing the subject, courses and modules with the staff team.
- Developing learning and teaching and contributing to projects where appropriate.
- Enhancing the Department's profile by appropriate professional activity.

Academic Administration

- Undertaking where appropriate programme leadership.
- Assisting and, where appropriate, taking a leading role in the planning, day-to-day organisation and administration of courses and the local management of student experience and support.
- Participating in Department and Faculty meetings as and when required.
- To carry out relevant administrative duties associated with the post, for example with matters related to student recruitment, enrolment, induction, teaching and assessment.
- To participate in cross university and promotional activities such as open days, clearing and school visits.
- To participate fully in the University's Quality Assurance process relating to the discipline.

Staff Development

- To undertake staff development to strengthen research and teaching skills.

Health and Safety

- Implementing and monitoring the University's health and safety protocols and practice as required by legislation and by the Faculty's Statement of Safety Organisation.

Duties of the role

- Implementing and monitoring the Faculty's risk assessment protocols.
- Developing further the Faculty's good practice.
- Undertake appropriate staff development

General

- Perform any other duties commensurate with the job grade as reasonably required from time to time.
- Treat all DMU staff, students, contractors and visitors with dignity and respect. Provide a service that complies with the Equality Act 2010, eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations with particular attention to the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief (or none), sex and sexual orientation.
- To implement and monitor Health & Safety protocols and practice as required by legislation and by the Faculty's Statement of Safety Organisation.

This job description reflects the main duties and responsibilities of the post. However, the post holder may be required to fulfil other ad-hoc duties commensurate with the level of the post from time to time.

Key Contacts:

Head of Department
PVC/ Dean of Faculty
Deputy Dean
Faculty Head of Research
Faculty Manager
Department and Faculty Colleagues
Academic Professional Development
Research students
Masters students

Person Specification

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Area of responsibility	Requirements	Essential or desirable	*Method of assessment			
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Qualifications	First Degree in International Relations, Politics, Public Policy or a related discipline.	Essential	✓			✓
	A completed MA or higher degree in International Relations, Politics or Public Policy.	Essential	✓			✓
	A completed PhD in an Urban Public Policy related subject.	Desirable	✓			✓
Work Experience	Experience of teaching Public Policy at HE in a University environment.	Desirable	✓	✓		✓
	A track record of working independently and/or collaboratively with other researchers as part of multi-disciplinary teams.	Essential	✓	✓		✓
	A track record of attracting research funding, or strong evidence of the potential to do so.	Essential	✓	✓		✓
Research	Active researcher, with evidence of the writing and dissemination of research papers in urban studies.	Essential	✓			✓
	A willingness to contribute to the development of an active research environment, including the development of the Centre for Urban Research on Austerity and the supervision of research students.	Essential	✓			✓
	Research experience in the areas of housing and regeneration, local economic development and labour markets, sustainable cities or comparatively on Asian cities.	Desirable	✓			✓

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Teaching and Learning	Excellent knowledge of current developments in the teaching and research of urban studies.	Essential	✓	✓		✓
	Ability to teach and assess work at an appropriate standard for University study.	Essential	✓	✓		✓
Additional Requirements	A willingness to undertake further training and professional development, as appropriate.	Essential		✓		
	Commitment to observing the University's equality and diversity policy.	Essential		✓		
	Willingness to work away from the university or to work flexibly, depending upon the demands of the role.	Essential		✓		
	A willingness to contribute to the development of an active research environment, including the supervision of research students.	Essential		✓		
	Experience of the development of external networks, for example, to contribute to student recruitment, secure student placements, and facilitate outreach work.	Desirable		✓		

*A = Application Form; I = Interview; T = Test; D = Documentary Evidence