

**Lancaster University****Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion****Further Particulars****Lecturer in International Relations (Grade 7/8)**

The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) seeks to appoint a Lecturer in International Relations. The position will be focused on current international relations and the important role that it plays in shaping and responding to global challenges in the modern world. All major areas of international relations will be considered. However, we have particular interests in Diplomacy, Peace Studies and Religion and International Relations. You are expected to be research active and have relevant funding experience, excellent teaching abilities and relevant administrative skills. We encourage applicants from a range of disciplinary backgrounds, but you must be capable of teaching modern international relations at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, candidates with distance learning experience and/or whose teaching and research crosses over into the fields of Philosophy and Religious Studies are particularly encouraged.

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

In an increasingly complex, interconnected and globalised world traditional academic disciplines are progressively maladapted to contemporary societal challenges. To address this growing need, in August 2010 Lancaster University (consistently ranking in the top 10 of UK universities), with its well earned reputation for cutting-edge interdisciplinary research, created the United Kingdom's only Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR). This new and exciting development (bringing together the departments of Politics and International Relations, Philosophy and Religious Studies – all three ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Northwest in the *2011 Guardian University Guide*) was one of the major research strategies of Faculty of Arts and Social Science at Lancaster University. The new Department is a large unit (38 academic staff), is housed in the newly refurbished County South building and strives to make a major impact on fundamental societal issues and policies. Some of its areas of existing expertise include:

- Conflict and peace studies
- Analytic and European philosophy
- Ethics and policy
- International relations
- International political economy
- Middle Eastern studies
- Philosophy of mind and psychology
- Asian studies
- Politics and policy
- Religion and conflict
- Religion and society

**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY**

Lancaster University is approaching its 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. Currently ranked as a top 10 UK University and in

the top one per cent of universities in global rankings, Lancaster continues to sustain its reputation for teaching and research excellence both nationally and internationally.

The University is set near to the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. £50m has been invested into the estate since 2002, transforming the campus. Key developments include: new academic centres of excellence, student social facilities, improved teaching spaces and one of the largest student residences projects in the UK. It is about one hour's drive from Manchester International Airport and about 2 ½ hours by train from London.

## **THE ENVIRONS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

The University is situated 3 miles south of the City of Lancaster in the North West of England and close to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks as well as other areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Lancaster is a small historic city with a 12<sup>th</sup> Century castle dominating the hill above the River Lune and is associated with the towns of Morecambe and Heysham on the coast and with many beautiful rural villages. It has Georgian architecture and historic buildings and offers excellent shopping, a cinema, theatre and good restaurants, with many well-preserved older buildings. The three towns and the villages have excellent schools and enjoy easy access to the M6 motorway, as well as to the main west coast railway line and Manchester International Airport. Housing is affordable and varied, ranging from country cottages through to town houses and flats.