

Lancaster University Law School

Further Particulars: Faculty Academic Fellowships

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The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is offering 3 Academic Fellowship appointments as part of a major programme of investment in Lancaster University Law School. Our Fellowships are aimed at attracting outstanding early career researchers and providing them with support and mentoring to develop their own careers so that their research is rated internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 and beyond.

Our Fellowships are intended to be the first step as an independent researcher for early career colleagues and are open to exceptional candidates with research interests in any field of Law (excluding public international law/human rights). However, the Law School has particular interest in candidates able to contribute to research in Public law and Trusts, Business and Corporate Law (including international business law), Comparative Law, Evidence, and Family Law.

You will have a greater focus on research and enjoy substantial tapered teaching relief during your first 4 years in the School as follows: year 1, 20% teaching load; year 2, 40% teaching load; year 3, 60% teaching load; year 4, 80% teaching load. In year 5 you will transfer to an indefinite lectureship on a standard academic contract at whatever point on the salary scale you have reached (subject to satisfactory completion of probation).

The Law School

The Law School (which was founded in 1974) has an outstanding reputation for wide-ranging traditional, contextual, interdisciplinary, socio-legal and critical research of international excellence, along with effective and innovative teaching. It had a GPA of 2.4 in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise and is committed to improving this ranking, and to upholding the highest standards of teaching. It teaches a range of LLB degrees (three-year LLB Law, and LLB joint honours Law and Criminology degrees and four-year LLB European Legal Studies, and LL.B. (International) degrees) and LLM Degrees in International Law and International Relations, European and International Legal Studies, International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and the Environment, Environment and Law, International Business & Corporate Law. It also teaches a LLM/MA in Bioethics and Medical Law with the department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion and participates in a LLM degree in Law and Management (with LUMS). There is a thriving postgraduate research community.

At the start of the academic year 2012-13 there will be five full-time professors in the Law School, one Emeritus Professor (Professor Picciotto), and one part-time Professor (Professor Peter Rowe). Professors Peter Rowe and David Sugarman have been leading members of the department for a number of years and as part of the development of the Law School there has been investment in a number of senior appointments in recent years. Professor David Milman was appointed to the Law School in September 2005 and served as Head on from 2008 to 2011. Professor Sigrun Skogly was awarded a personal chair in 2007 and has served as Head of School since August 2011. Professor Suzanne Ost was appointed senior lecturer on the basis of external advertisement, and she was awarded a personal chair in April 2012. Additionally, Professor Steven Wheatley joins the School on June 1, 2012. We have appointed via external advertisement Angus MacCulloch and Neil Kibble as senior lecturers. There are currently 23 academic and 4 support staff. The expansion in staff

numbers results from growth of the undergraduate intake as well as from an expansion of postgraduate programmes.

Research in the School combines a rigorous analysis of legal rules and doctrine with a theoretically and empirically informed understanding of how the law works in practice, and in a societal context. Much of the work crosses disciplinary boundaries, and we benefit from our close links to other departments and research units in Lancaster's strong Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The School has a strong research culture, as evidenced by consistently high performance in Research Assessment Exercises. In RAE 2008, 90% of the School's research was rated as being "world leading", "internationally excellent" or "internationally recognized", with 100% of research-active staff (22 out of 24 total staff) being included. Our research is characterised by commitment to interdisciplinarity and is focused in the following three areas:

- **Law and society** - with subfields in Medical law; cyber law; criminal justice; critical legal theory; jurisprudence; legal history; public law and property law.
- **International/European law** - with subfields in public international law; private international law; international human rights law; international humanitarian law; comparative law; international economic law; european law; eu labour law; judicial independence & accountability.
- **Business law** - with subfields in competition law; corporate law (national and international); insolvency law; contract law; inter-jurisdictional litigation and employment law.

In all three areas colleagues' research is informed by a range of perspectives and methodologies including doctrinal analysis, socio-legal approaches, critical perspectives, and comparative insights.

The School's academic community is centred around the [Centre for Law and Society](#); and has strong links to the following interdisciplinary research environments:

- [ESRC Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics](#) - Cesagen
- [The Centre for Bioethics and Medical Law](#)
- [The Human Rights Forum](#)
- [The International Human Rights Obligations Network](#) - IntHRON
- [Consumer Law Academic Network](#)

The Law School moved to new refurbished premises in 2007, which are adjacent to the Faculty offices. Whilst we demand high standards of research output from colleagues, we are committed to maintaining excellence in the quality of our undergraduate/ postgraduate programmes, which are largely taught by full time members of staff. Enabling students to have easy access to staff to discuss issues of concern to them is a priority.

For further details of the work of the Law School and its staff see www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/law

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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 12th 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.

For further details see: <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/>

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