

Lancaster University
Department of Educational Research

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Lecturer in Education and Social Justice (Grade 7/8)

The Department of Educational Research seeks to appoint a Lecturer in Education and Social Justice (ESJ). The position is primarily focused on our new online doctoral programme in education and social justice, which recruits students from around the world. We are looking for someone to extend our existing team and would particularly welcome expertise in the international dimensions of education and social justice.

Potential candidates will be expected to be research active, have excellent teaching abilities, and relevant administrative skills. You must have expertise in an area of education and social justice, be familiar with online teaching and have experience of postgraduate supervision. We are looking for someone who can support student projects in a range of research methodologies.

You should have:

- A good publications record and an ability to make a positive contribution in future REF exercises.
- Evidence of a clear and realisable plan to apply for research funding.
- Clear evidence of high quality PG teaching and supervision skills.
- Academic departmental administrative experience.
- Competence to support ESJ doctoral students in a range of research methodologies.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Research

The Department has a long-standing, world-class reputation for excellence in research.

In Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs) from 1992 to 2001 the department was consistently ranked at grade 5. The 2008 RAE placed us in the top 20 of 82 departments of Education in the country, with 80% of our research activity judged to be of international standing, and 45% graded as internationally excellent and world leading.

Our research develops understandings of educational theory, policy and practice in dialogue with current debates in the public policy sphere, thus it is frequently high impact. Our work spans various contexts, including schooling, FE, HE, workplaces and informal settings. We have three areas of research excellence: Higher Education Research and Evaluation; Social Justice and Wellbeing; Technology Enhanced Learning. Work in each of these areas is facilitated by, and organised through, a centre. The Centres act as focal points to exchange, support and develop research but also enhance cross-departmental synergies in methodological approaches. Each Centre also has a programme of seminars and events.

Teaching

The Department is distinctive in offering innovative, specialist programmes at doctoral level only. We currently have four part-time doctoral programmes. Our Doctoral Programme in Educational Research

is in its 18th year; the Doctoral Programme in E-Learning and Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) is in its 7th year. This year we have successfully launched two new online programmes: one in Higher Education Research, Evaluation and Enhancement and the other in Education and Social Justice.

The PhD in Education and Social Justice (by thesis and coursework) is a part-time structured PhD programme that is undertaken entirely online, over 4 years. The programme is designed so that: a) participants can study entirely from home and whilst in full- or part-time employment and b) issues, theories, methods and evaluations may be applied specifically to the particular concerns, contexts and priorities of the organisations and environments in which participants are working. The programme received very high numbers of applications for its first cohort, and we already have a high volume of applications for cohort 2.

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Lancaster University is approaching its 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. It is ranked in the top one percent of universities in the world and is listed at 137 in the Times Higher Education international table. The growing reputation of Lancaster is reflected by high rankings year on year in each of the UK's major university league tables - *The Times* (12th), the *Guardian* (11th) the *Complete University Guide* (11th) and the *THE Student Experience Survey* (10th).

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. More than £300m has been invested into the estate in the last few years, 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. The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. Lancaster is easily accessible by road (M6 Junction 33) and rail (west coast mainline). It is approximately an hour to Manchester International Airport, and about 2.5 hours by train to London.