

Department of Linguistics and English Language

Lectureship in Digital Language Learning and Teaching (Grade 7/8)

Further Particulars

The Post: The postholder will supervise PhDs, in the first year jointly with experienced supervisors. They will also develop/participate in the development of one or two new MA modules to contribute to our MA TEFL and MA TESOL degrees (commensurate with the postholder's seniority and level of professional development). They may need to travel for short periods to deliver distance modules. We also have plans for a new MA in TESOL and Digital Learning and Teaching to which the postholder could contribute, along with colleagues in English Language Teaching, Digital Literacies, and Corpus Linguistics.

The postholder will be expected to pursue research in the area of digital language learning, teaching and testing, and will be encouraged and mentored by the Department to develop their research. The post is one part of an initiative to expand the Department's offerings in an emerging interdisciplinary area that is at the intersection of the research and teaching interests of a number of our strongest groups, such as Corpus Linguistics, Discourse Studies, Language Learning, Teaching, and Assessment, Literacy Studies and Second Language Acquisition. We aim to have a significant impact on the development of research in this field as new technologies emerge and learning practices change.

The Department: Linguistics and English Language is one of the largest and most productive linguistics departments in the United Kingdom, with 29 academics, about 160 PhD students, 80 MAs on on-campus and blended learning programmes, and about 300 undergraduates. It is currently rated first in the UK in the Complete University Guide

(<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings?s=Linguistics>).

Undergraduate students are recruited at a high level, with a standard UCAS offer of AAB, and recruitment at postgraduate level is high, so we are well placed for the changes coming to the sector.

The University: Lancaster University was rated in the top 10 of UK universities last year by the Guardian, the Independent, and the Times. It has 16,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, and about 2,500 staff. Most buildings, including that in which the Department is located, have been completely rebuilt in the last five years. Lancaster is a campus university, located in a green area about three miles south of the city, with buses every ten minutes through the day, and on a good bike route.

The City: Lancaster is a city of about 55,000 people, with a largely Georgian and Victorian core of sandstone buildings, overlooked by a medieval castle and priory church. It has independent shops, an alternative cinema and theatre, lively markets on Wednesday and Saturday, and easy access to the surrounding countryside on paths, bikeways, and canals. London is 2 hours 30 minutes away; Manchester Airport less than an hour and a half by direct train, and the Lake District can be reached within half an hour.

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