

Department of Linguistics and English Language

Lancaster University

Lectureship in Chinese Linguistics (Grade 7/8)

### **Further Particulars**

The Post: This post is part of a new initiative to introduce Chinese language and culture at degree level at Lancaster University, following the establishment of a Confucius Institute in 2011-12. The Institute will be based in the Linguistics and English Language department. The postholder will develop/participate in the development of credit-bearing modules in Chinese language (Mandarin) and Chinese culture. The postholder will also contribute to other undergraduate and postgraduate modules in the department, depending on their specific area of expertise. Some of the postgraduate modules will involve online teaching and/or teaching offsite (currently in London and Hong Kong). The postholder will supervise PhD students, in the first year jointly with experienced supervisors.

The postholder will be expected to pursue research in Chinese linguistics and/or closely related areas (e.g. language typology, translation studies, cross-cultural pragmatics involving Mandarin Chinese), and will be encouraged and mentored by the Department to develop their research. The postholder will also contribute to departmental administration.

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, 120 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 AAA/AAB, and recruitment at postgraduate level is high, so we are well placed for the changes coming to the sector.

The University: Lancaster University is approaching its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. In the latest THE World University Rankings, Lancaster has been ranked 131<sup>st</sup>, with Arts and Humanities at Lancaster ranked 44<sup>th</sup> in the world. Lancaster continues to sustain its reputation for teaching and research excellence both nationally and internationally. 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 by train; 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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