

Department of Linguistics and English Language  
Lancaster University  
Professor of Computational Linguistics

#### **Further Particulars A964**

The Post: The postholder will teach on undergraduate and postgraduate modules in Computational Linguistics and related areas, and supervise MA and PhD students. Some of the postgraduate modules will involve online teaching and/or teaching offsite (currently in London and Hong Kong). The postholder will pursue outstanding international research in Computational Linguistics, and provide leadership in research, teaching and programme development. The postholder will be involved in the Department's administration and management.

The Department: Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster is one of the largest and most prestigious Linguistics departments in the United Kingdom, with 33 academics, about 160 PhD students, 120 MAs on on-campus and blended learning programmes, and about 300 undergraduates. The department celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014:

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass/events/lael40/>. It is currently ranked in the top 10 in the world for Linguistics in the QS World University rankings:

<http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2014/linguistics#sorting=rank+region=+country=+faculty=+stars=false+search=>

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 celebrating 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 137<sup>th</sup>, with Arts and Humanities at Lancaster ranked 45<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 is less than an hour and a half away by direct train, and the Lake District can be reached within half an hour.

Contact: For more information about the Department, see our web pages at <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk>. If you want to discuss the post, please e-mail Elena Semino, Head of Department, at [e.semino@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:e.semino@lancaster.ac.uk)