FURTHER PARTICULARS

Senior Research Associate in ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science

Vacancy Ref: A2200

The Project:

The primary aim of this project is to investigate the use of language in health(care) contexts through the qualitative and quantitative analyses of large corpora. We will study language use in different health(care) contexts with particular focus on mental health, obesity, chronic pain and language assessment for the healthcare profession. The successful applicants will be involved in building and analysing a range of corpora involving texts derived from social media, news, online patient feedback and interviews. Applicants will also develop and apply new methods to analyse these corpora, as well as work with software developers to improve existing corpus analysis tools. They will establish links and carry out impact activities with stakeholder groups (e.g. training for healthcare practitioners) as well as engage in dissemination activities (including publishing and presenting in academic and non-academic contexts).

The Project Team:

The post-holder will be part of an interdisciplinary team that includes academics from the Departments of Linguistics & English Language, Politics, Philosophy & Religion, History, Psychology, and the Institute for Health Research. The Department of Linguistics & English Language was ranked 19th in the world for Linguistics in the QS World University Rankings. The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Further and Higher Education in 2015.

The University:

Lancaster University (www.lancaster.ac.uk) recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. It is ranked in the top 10 in all three major UK university league tables: The Times/Sunday Times, the Guardian and the Complete University Guide. Internationally, it is ranked 135th in the QS World University Rankings 2017-18.
The University is set near the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. More than £450m has been invested into the campus since 2002 creating new academic facilities, student social facilities and improved teaching space.

The City:

The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. 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. 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.

For more information about the Department, see our web pages at http://cass.lancs.ac.uk and http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk. If you want to discuss the post, please e-mail Elena Semino, Principal Investigator, at e.semino@lancaster.ac.uk.