Division of Health Research  
Faculty of Health and Medicine  
Lancaster University  

SENIOR LECTURER IN AGEING  

Grade 9  
Full Time  

The Division of Health Research (DHR) within Lancaster University’s Faculty of Health and Medicine is seeking to appoint a **Senior Lecturer in Ageing** to join a lively department offering innovative educational programmes in a high quality research active environment.

**Faculty of Health and Medicine**

Established in 2008, the Faculty of Health and Medicine brings together a critical mass of expertise in teaching, research and outreach from three established departments and their associated centres: Biomedical and Life Sciences; Health Research and Lancaster Medical School.

The Faculty provides research and teaching in an innovative and distinctive blend of subjects across the health and medicine spectrum. We have established links with private, public and third sector healthcare organisations and work closely with institutions in the region and beyond. We have successfully built our reputation in several key areas such as ageing, end of life care, mental health, neurodegenerative disease, developmental biology and disability research, where our academic staff are at the forefront of their fields.

The Faculty offers a diverse range of both undergraduate and postgraduate taught and research programmes in biology, biomedicine, medicine and the social aspects of health. We deliver innovative blended learning courses and are working with healthcare organisations to provide customised Continuing Professional Development.

The Faculty’s research environment was ranked joint first in the UK in the field, in the 2014 Research Evaluation Framework, with a 100% score on everything from investment in staff and facilities to research income and collaboration. Overall, 89% of the Faculty’s research was judged world leading or internationally excellent, with 84% of research outputs being categorised as 3* and 4*. This places the Faculty among the elite universities in this field.

The Faculty also performed well in The Times Higher Education's research intensity league table which recognises the proportion of staff which are research active, finishing 3rd overall in the UK.

The Faculty is committed to pursuing world-class research. It brings together biomedical, medical, and social science researchers to tackle key challenges of the 21st Century within health and medicine.
Ranked third in our field in the 2014 Research Assessment Exercise on the 'intensity weighted' score, equal first in 'research environment' and in the top 10 for 'research power', the Faculty offers an ideal academic environment to develop your research career.

The Faculty achieved an Athena Swan Silver Award in 2014.

**Division of Health Research**

Established at Lancaster University in 1996, the Division of Health Research (DHR) is a multidisciplinary department that promotes health-related research and education across the University, the North West, nationally and internationally. DHR has a vibrant research community comprising of over 100 staff from a range of academic and applied backgrounds including: sociology, social policy, health geography, public health, psychology, health economics and nursing. We share an interest in the perspectives that the social sciences bring to an understanding of health and health inequalities, ageing, disability, illness, the delivery of health and social care and interventions and actions to promote population health and health equity.

Members of the Division of Health Research come from a wide range of academic disciplines and professional backgrounds. We have a well-established reputation for conducting excellent academic research that is both interdisciplinary and translational.

Research groups in the Division work closely with our colleagues in the rest of the Faculty of Health and Medicine on the Faculty’s core interdisciplinary research themes: Ageing; Mental Health; Health Information, Computation and Statistics; Infectious Disease Transmission and Biology and Social and Economic Inequality in Public Health.

The Division has good relationships with NHS and social care partners, and the voluntary sector. We also host the regional and local centres for the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West.

Lancaster University is the lead institution (with the Universities of Liverpool, Manchester and Central Lancashire) in a collaborative delivering the NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW), which has just been funded for a further 5 years to 2023. The RDS NW provides free design and methodological support to applied health and social care researchers in North West England to develop grant applications to NIHR and other national and international research funders. This advice is largely provided by academics, funded for part of their time by the RDS to co-ordinate and deliver the necessary advice, and there are opportunities for academics within DHR to engage in RDS work.

In the 2014 Research Assessment Exercise our research was ranked 3rd (intensity weighted score) and 1st for research environment nationally in UoA 3.

The educational programmes delivered by the Division range from postgraduate research degrees (PhDs), professional doctorates such as the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, and a suite of blended learning Masters and PhDs in ageing, dementia, palliative care, public health, organisational health and well-being, health economics and policy, and mental health. DHR has over 270 students registered on its full-time and part-time postgraduate programmes.
We collaborate with Lancaster University Management School to deliver several courses and also contribute to teaching in Biomedical and Life Science, Medicine and Psychology.

**Lancaster University**

Lancaster is a top 10 UK university and top 10 in all three major national league tables. Its sixth-place ranking in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018, as well as the winning of the coveted University of the Year award in 2018, cements its place as an elite UK university. Lancaster has a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research and is highly ranked in international league tables such as the QS World Rankings.

The Lancaster University campus occupies a beautiful 360 acre parkland site at Bailrigg, just three miles from Lancaster City Centre. £450m has been invested into the estate since 2002, 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. Set near to the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District, 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.

**Centre for Ageing Research**

The Centre for Ageing Research conducts high quality interdisciplinary research and promotes research-led teaching around ageing, older people and age-related disease that establishes Lancaster University as a leading regional, national and international centre of excellence for ageing research and teaching.

The impact of global ageing is widely acknowledged as having significant implications for health, society, the economy and policy. This has been recognised in policy, strategy and debate within and across organisations as diverse as the UN, the WHO, the EU as well as national, regional and local governments, public, private and third sectors.

Concerns are being raised about how we can ensure older people experience an active and healthy older age and how we can address the needs of the rising numbers of our 'oldest old' populations (those age 85+) who may make significant demands on our health and welfare systems.

Researchers at Lancaster University are making significant contributions to both early diagnosis and alleviation of some of the worst effects of mental and physiological ageing. Our research work encompasses neuro-degenerative disease (particularly Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s), molecular change associated with the ageing process as well as pathological developments associated with disease. We are also working on the design and development of new technologies to support and enhance the health and wellbeing older people and their care-givers. We are also interested in the social and psychological aspects of ageing, the
impacts of loneliness and social isolation, frailty, and the role of health behaviour in prevention and management of chronic conditions. In particular we are interested in how these insights can improve the lives of older people, including those living with dementia.

Importantly, it is Lancaster's reputation for interdisciplinarity that underpins its strength in the field of Ageing Research. Social scientists at Lancaster are playing an important role in contributing to our understanding of how best to address the needs of older people and their carers in ways that are both proactive and conscious of the need to place dignity, choice and independence at the forefront of care and support for older people.

While this work seeks to answer different sorts of questions to those of bioscience and engineering, it is the strength of this interdisciplinary approach that enables us to gain more detailed insights and offer more effective interventions to support a more successful ageing process.

**Objectives**

- To promote and conduct high-quality interdisciplinary research concerning ageing throughout Lancaster University, and beyond to national and international academic, policy, practitioner and older people's networks;
- To establish a strong international visibility and reputation for ageing research and research-led teaching at Lancaster, that establishes Lancaster as a major international hub for research, scholarship and debate around ageing.
- To provide a locus for external funding applications for interdisciplinary ageing research.
- To develop postgraduate training in ageing and ageing research and to provide a major point of attraction for research and taught postgraduates in the field;
- To develop CPD training on ageing for those tasked with planning and providing care and support for ageing populations across the UK and beyond.