Further Particulars

The Post: The postholder will teach on undergraduate and postgraduate modules in Language Acquisition, Psycholinguistics, and Linguistics more generally. 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.

The postholder will be expected to pursue research in First Language Acquisition, and will 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.thecompletenewsoungleguide.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 50th 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 131st, with Arts and Humanities at Lancaster ranked 44th 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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