

Department of Linguistics and English Language
Lancaster University
Lectureship in Sociophonetics (Grade 7/8)

Further Particulars

The Post: The postholder will teach on undergraduate and postgraduate modules in English sociophonetics, and, more generally, English language, phonetics, phonology and sociolinguistics. 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 sociophonetics and/or related areas (e.g. language variation and change), 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 50th anniversary with a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. Currently ranked as a top 10 UK University and in the top one per cent of universities in global rankings, Lancaster continues to sustain its reputation for teaching and research excellence both nationally and internationally.

The University is set near to the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. £50m 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 : www.lancaster.ac.uk

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.

Contact: For more 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.