

Job Description

Post Title and Post Number	Lecturer in Sociolinguistics - 44356
Organisation Advertising Description	School of English, Drama, American and Canadian Studies College of Arts and Law
Post Number	44356
Full Time/Part Time	Full Time
Duration of post	Permanent
Post is open to:	External and Internal candidates
Grade	Grade 8
Salary	Starting salary is normally in the range £38,511 to £45,954. With potential progression once in post to £51,702 a year
Terms and Conditions	Academic Teaching Staff (non-clinical)
Closing Date	20 th March 2015

Job Summary

The University of Birmingham wishes to appoint a permanent Lecturer in Sociolinguistics with effect from 1st September 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter. We seek someone who will make an outstanding contribution to the research profile of the Department and will be able to teach across a wide range of modules.

As a Lecturer, the post holder will create and disseminate knowledge by initiating and conducting original research, publishing in their area of research expertise, and developing and delivering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Main Details

Research:

To pursue sustained research activity through original research and scholarship, including other research-related contributions through conference papers and presentations and/or consultancy projects and advice. This will include:

- Undertaking high quality research in Sociolinguistics through to publication
- Submitting applications to external funders to support research activity
- Project managing research activities, and supervising research staff (where appropriate)
- Developing novel methodologies and techniques appropriate to the type of research being pursued

- Attracting, supervising and examining PhD students, both within the institution and externally
- Providing expert advice to staff and students within the discipline
- Applying knowledge in a way which develops new intellectual understanding

Learning and Teaching:

Using a variety of methods in teaching with individuals and groups of undergraduate and postgraduate students. This will include:

- Teaching and examining modules in Sociolinguistics, and related areas at undergraduate and postgraduate level on campus and via Distance Learning.
- Planning and reviewing teaching approaches and acting as a mentor to encourage others to do the same
- Developing programme and module proposals and making substantial contributions to the design of teaching programmes more widely in the Department or School
- Developing the full range of responsibilities in relation to supervision, marking and examining
- Using appropriate approaches to learning and teaching
- Disseminating appropriate practices through suitable media
- Devising and supervising projects, student dissertations and practical work
- A small amount of this teaching is delivered abroad so there will be some travelling

Management and Administration

To contribute to department/school administration. This will include:

- Contributing to the administration/management of research and/or teaching across the department/school
- Leading and managing a team to devise and implement a new and/or revised process
- Advising on the development of colleagues and students
- Making a major contribution to some administrative activities within the University
- Contributing to widening participation, schools outreach, and/or public understanding of the discipline.

Knowledge, Skills, Qualifications and Experience Required

Essential:

1. A PhD in a related field
2. Excellent publications record demonstrated by existing and forthcoming publications
3. A growing reputation for research in Sociolinguistics
4. Experience of teaching in this area of specialism
5. Excellent written and oral communication skills
6. Excellent IT skills in Microsoft Office
7. Skills in managing, motivating and counselling colleagues and students
8. Ability to design, deliver, assess and revise teaching programmes

Desirable:

9. Ability to attract research funding
10. Experience of postgraduate supervision

11. Teaching or research-related administrative experience in a university context

The Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics

The Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics is a world-leading centre of excellence for both teaching and research in Applied Linguistics, with students based in Birmingham as well as in over thirty different countries. It forms central part of the School of English, Drama, America and Canadian Studies, within the College of Arts and Law. The Department has an excellent track record in teaching and an active research culture that emphasises excellent publications, productive collaboration within and beyond the University, and wide-ranging public engagement. Staff in the department research, publish and teach across the full range of English Language and Applied Linguistics research areas, including corpus linguistics, discourse analysis and English Language Teaching. They have particularly strong teaching and research interests in Language and New Media, English for Academic Purposes and Metaphor Studies.

The School of English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies (EDACS)

This is a vibrant and thriving school, situated within the College of Arts and Law. It hosts a community of academics and students researching and learning in all areas of English and American literature, Language and Linguistics, Film Studies, Creative Writing, Drama and Theatre Arts and American and Canadian Studies. It has particular strengths in the study of Shakespeare both on campus and at our Shakespeare Institute in Stratford upon Avon. Our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offer students the opportunity to combine academic scholarship with creative practice through performance, film and creative writing. EDACS aims to promote inter-disciplinarily and intellectual collaboration both in teaching and research.

For further information please contact Dr Jeannette Littlemore, Head of the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT. Email: j.m.littlemore@bham.ac.uk.

Interview format/requirements

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to attend an interview and do a presentation.