Job Title   Graduate Teaching Assistant (0.2 FTE)*
Grade   5
GTA Salary   £21,220 per annum, pro-rata*
Department  School of Arts
Contract  Four year, fixed-term contract
Value of award  the successful applicant will receive an annual stipend and salary package currently worth £14,553 in 2017 and a full UK/EU tuition fee waiver.

Application deadline  2 May 2017

Role Purpose

The School is seeking to recruit two Graduate Teaching Assistants
(1) PhD in English - Victorian/Nineteenth-Century Literature
(2) PhD Modern Languages - Modern Languages: either French, Spanish or Italian.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships allow you to fund your PhD study through part-time teaching work with the University. The Graduate Teaching Assistant is responsible to the Head of School and the Director of Studies corresponding to the relevant area of research. The successful candidate is expected to undertake teaching related duties as required within the School, not normally exceeding the equivalent of seven contact hours per week during term time.

Funding for this post is available for four years. Appointment to the post is subject to formal confirmation that you are registered, and continue to be registered for the duration of your post, as a full-time campus-based student with the University of Leicester.

The successful applicant will receive an annual stipend and salary package currently worth £14,553 in 2017 and a full UK/EU tuition fee waiver. The positions will continue for four years, subject to a satisfactory annual progress review. The award covers tuition fees at the UK/EU rate only. International applicants, who do not ordinarily pay UK/EU tuition fees, must be able to demonstrate that they can fund the difference in tuition fee rates.

About the School

The School of Arts was formed in August 2016 and brought together the former School of English (spanning English Literature, English Language and Creative Writing), the School of Modern Languages (encompassing French, Italian, Spanish and Translation Studies) and the Department of History of Art and Film (linking Film Studies, History of Art and Architecture).
Job Description

We offer undergraduate degrees and modules in all of these subjects in a variety of Single Honours, Major, Joint and Minor variants, and we have a proven track record of helping a high proportion of our students go on to careers related directly to their studies.

The School also has a vibrant postgraduate community spread across a suite of Masters' courses that reflect our internationally-recognized research strengths as well as our dedicated Research Centres. Particular concentrations in the School include Victorian Studies, Translation and Interpreting, the Country House and Heritage, Postcolonial Studies, Early Modern Culture, Film and Media, Art and Architecture, Visual Culture, Modern and Contemporary Literature, and Creative Writing. We have recently developed a strong focus on Linguistics and English for Education and we are also home to half of the Centre for American Studies. In addition we house Languages@Leicester which delivers the teaching of languages from across the globe and provides a major service both to the University and local community.

Principal Responsibilities

- To undertake teaching, and other activities supporting the work of the School; in so doing you will aid in developing and enhancing both its internal and external reputation.
- To be available for consultation on campus during appropriately specified office hours and, where appropriate, by email.
- To ensure that student feedback on teaching is sought, through questionnaires and other means, and to respond constructively to such feedback and to advice from peers.
- To undertake academic duties (e.g. providing feedback to undergraduate students on assessed work, to participate in the assessment of the field tests, to provide pastoral support of students) required to sustain the delivery of high quality teaching.
- To maintain broad knowledge of up-to-date teaching and scholarship in relevant fields to ensure that teaching meets the standards expected within a research-led University.
- To disseminate the results of teaching and scholarship, e.g. through presentation in the teaching seminar series in the School.
- To contribute fully to the teaching culture of the School through attendance and participation in staff seminars, internal seminars and workshops, PhD seminars, and other means, as appropriate.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience
Essential

- MA degree in relevant subject that relates to the designated areas outlined above
- Knowledge of the research and teaching field to an advanced level
- Outstanding promise of teaching/research achievement
- Teaching/Research interests in one or more of the research themes covered by Department staff*

Desirable

- Teaching/Research experience / delivery of field training

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Proven competency in academic subject
- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake teaching and administrative activities and to communicate effectively with staff and students
- Evidence of good effective oral communication, presentation and training skills
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team on teaching related activities.
- A commitment to high quality teaching
- Proven competency in IT and familiarity with a computerised environment

Desirable

- Engagement in interdisciplinary research
- Experience of a VLE (virtual learning environment)

Working Hours

You will be contracted to work 364 hours in a 12-month period. This equates to a maximum of 6 teaching hours per week in term time, with additional personal tutor and marking responsibilities, which will be scheduled by School to reflect operational requirements.

Your total working weekly hours must be within the Senate Regulations. [http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/senate-regulations](http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sas2/regulations/senate-regulations)

Students on an international Tier 4 Visa must adhere to their legal obligations as a visa holder.
Equality and Diversity

The University of Leicester is committed to positively advancing equality of opportunity. We participate in a number of equalities initiatives which celebrate good employment practice for the advancement of diversity and equality. These include the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, the Race Equality Charter and Athena Swan (for which we are currently Bronze award holders). We are proud to be selected as one of only ten Universities internationally to be an impact champion for HeForShe, a global solidarity movement for gender equality. We also have a number of staff equality fora who champion the advancement of equalities for diverse groups. To find out more please visit the Equalities webpage.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PhD

1. Draft a research proposal that tells us what you want to research, how you intend to do it, and why it is worth doing
2. Prepare your supporting documents (two Academic References, your Degree Transcripts and Certificates, Evidence of English language (if applicable))
3. Submit your PhD application online

IMPORTANT
In the Funding section of the online application form select STUDENTSHP and GTA from the dropdown options.

The closing date for applications is 2 May 2017

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