

This document includes details of the Job Description and Person Specification for appointments to both Senior Lecturer and Reader

SENIOR LECTURER or READER IN SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

Job Ref: REQ17219

As part of the University's ongoing commitment to redeployment, please note that this vacancy may be withdrawn at any stage of the recruitment process if a suitable redeployee is identified.

School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences

Internationally recognised for its contribution to the study of sport, exercise and health, the School has wide-ranging expertise, encompassing such diverse areas as biomechanics, medicine, molecular and cellular biology, nutrition, pedagogy, psychology, physiology, sociology, economics and sport management.

The School has an active and ambitious plan to grow capacity and influence through developments as part of the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine, Loughborough in London, and StemLab.

The School is extremely proud to hold an Athena Swan Silver Award, recognising the commitment and work of the School in addressing issues of equality in Science.

Research

Research within the School is characterised by excellence and breadth, and its quality was recognised by the 2014 Research Excellence Framework audit. A broad range of social and natural sciences contribute to the School's research activity which is organised within three overlapping themes:

- **Sport performance**, which aims to understand and enhance sport and exercise performance across the ability range by investigating the factors influencing, and methods for improving, human performance in sport and exercise;
- **Lifestyle for health and well-being**, which aims to improve human health and wellbeing throughout the lifespan by considering the social, behavioural and biological determinants and consequences of human lifestyles with specific emphases on physical activity, nutrition and chronic disease; and
- **Participation in sport and exercise**, which aims to analyse the sociological, economic, psychological, political, organisational and behavioural factors which inhibit and facilitate community participation in sport and exercise.

The School's research themes articulate in particular with the Sport and Exercise Beacon and the Health and Wellbeing Global Challenge which are key elements of the University's CALIBRE (Collective Ambition at Loughborough for Building Research Excellence) framework.

Further information about the School's research themes can be found at:

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ssehs/research/> and about the University's CALIBRE framework at: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/calibre/>

Teaching

The main areas of contribution for this post are anticipated to be modules in Sport and Exercise Psychology on existing programmes. These, and other topics where the appointee may be able to make some contribution depending on interests and expertise, are:

Psychological Issues & Strategies in Sport
Principles of Exercise Psychology
Postgraduate Research Methods
BSc and MSc project supervision

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Job Description

This is a generic job description for the position of Senior Lecturer. See page 6. for the Reader job description.

Job Grade: Research, Teaching and Enterprise Grade 8

Job Purpose:

To take a leading role in developing and enhancing the research, teaching and enterprise activities of the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences in the area of Sport & Exercise Psychology in support of the University's Strategy, Building Excellence.

Job Duties:

Research

- To pursue a personal research programme consistent with the research priorities of the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences that increases the global visibility and reputation of the University.
- To secure external research funding.
- To supervise and manage research projects.
- To publish the outcomes of research in outlets of international standing.
- To attend and contribute to the organisation of major international conferences.
- To supervise postgraduate students at Masters and Doctoral levels.
- To lead and collaborate in research initiatives with colleagues both within the University and externally.

Teaching

- To work with colleagues in the School to deliver an exceptional learning environment for students.
- To teach and inspire undergraduate and postgraduate students, and to conduct associated assessments.
- To provide academic and pastoral support to undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- To promote the use of a range of methods and techniques in teaching, learning and assessment.
- To engage in the evaluation and development of modules for which you have responsibility, in terms of content, delivery and assessment.
- To be responsible for the design and content of specific areas of teaching and learning within the School's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.
- To lead colleagues in the continuous review and development of the School's taught programmes and the curriculum.

Enterprise

- To lead engagement with business, public and voluntary organisations through knowledge exchange activities such as student projects and placements, research collaboration, consultancy and specialist training.
- To create social, cultural and economic impacts from academic, especially research, activity.
- To secure external funding in support of these activities.
- To seek opportunities for the commercialisation of research and the formation of social enterprises.

Related Activities and Functions

- To work effectively with relevant administrative, technical and academic staff in the School and across the University.
- To carry out specific administrative roles and functions as may be reasonably required.
- To take part in and, on occasion, act as chair of one or more of the School's committees.
- To engage in training programmes in the University (e.g. through Staff Development) which are consistent with your needs and aspirations and those of the School.
- To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably requested and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.
- To engage fully with the annual Performance and Development Review (PDR) process.

Points to Note:

The purpose of this job description is to indicate the general level of duties and responsibility of the post. The detailed duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character or level of responsibility entailed

Special Conditions:

All staff have a statutory responsibility to take reasonable care of themselves, others and the environment and to prevent harm by their acts or omissions. All staff are therefore required to adhere to the University's Health, Safety and Environmental Policy & Procedures.

All staff should hold a duty and commitment to observing the University's Equality & Diversity policy and procedures at all times. Duties must be carried out in accordance with relevant Equality & Diversity legislation and University policies/procedures.

Successful completion of probation will be dependent on attendance at the University's mandatory courses which include Respecting Diversity and, where appropriate, Recruitment and Selection.

Organisational Responsibility:

Reports to the Dean of School for Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences

Person Specification

Your application will be reviewed against the essential and desirable criteria listed below. Applicants are strongly advised to explicitly state and evidence how they meet each of the essential (and desirable) criteria in their application.

Stages of assessment are as follows:

- 1 – Application
- 2 – Test/Assessment Centre/Presentation
- 3 – Interview

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

Area	Criteria	Stage	
Experience	Evidence of research and/or academic activity in sport and exercise psychology, consistent with the needs of the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences.	1,2,3	
	A record of excellence, which is contributing to the furtherance of knowledge in the area of activity, and is recognised at least nationally in that area.	1,2,3	
	Experience of working in an internationally recognised academic research environment, including significant experience at post-doctoral level.	1	
	Evidence of authoring a substantial body of original work in the highest quality refereed academic journals.	1	
	Significant experience of successfully supervising the projects of taught and research students or company staff at equivalent levels.	1,3	
	Candidates from outside of academia must be able to demonstrate the ability to make the transition to becoming a top academic	1,2,3	
	Experience of presenting research work at conferences.	1	
	Experience of teaching and assessment at undergraduate and postgraduate level and of curriculum development.	1,3	
	Skills and abilities	Demonstrated ability to develop an original research programme on your own initiative and to persuade others of its importance orally and on paper.	2,3
		Demonstrated ability to secure research and/or enterprise funds from external / company sources.	1,3
Demonstrated ability to create social / cultural / economic impacts from professional activity.		2,3	
A clear trajectory towards achievements at a higher academic level.		1,2,3	
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills which give you the ability to engage with students, colleagues, business and other agencies on a wide variety of matters.		1,2,3	
Ability to work as part of and to lead a team.		2,3	
Excellent IT skills.		1	
Training		Commitment to and evidence of continuing professional development.	1,3
Qualifications	Outstanding educational profile up to and including first degree and/or Masters in psychology, sport and exercise psychology, or sport and exercise science.	1	
	Relevant PhD or equivalent experience	1	
	Formal recognition of professional standing in teaching (eg. Fellow of the HEA) or commitment to obtaining this within reasonable timeframe.	1	
Other	Commitment to observing the University's Equal Opportunities policy at all times.	1,3	

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

Area	Criteria	Stage	
Experience	Experience of work in, or in collaboration with, business.	1	
	Experience of presenting research work at international conferences.	1	
	Experience in commercial exploitation of products / services or formation of social enterprises.	1.3	
Skills and abilities	A sound understanding of the structure of universities and issues facing the UK higher education sector, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research funding opportunities in UK Higher Education • The challenges faced in recruiting students to UK Higher Education • Achieved or progressing towards appropriate professional status 	2,3 1 1	
	Qualifications	BPS chartered status (C.Psychol)	1
		Achieved professional status through HCPC registration; BASES accreditation; HEA fellowship	1

Conditions of Service

This full-time post is offered on an open-ended contract. Salary will be Research, Teaching and Enterprise Grade 8 (£49,772 - £55,998 per annum); starting salary to be confirmed on offer of appointment.

The appointment will be subject to the University's normal Terms and Conditions of Employment for Academic and Related staff, details of which can be found [here](#).

The University is committed to enabling staff to maintain a healthy work-home balance and has a number of family-friendly policies which are available at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/hr/a-z/family-leave-policy-and-procedure---page.html>

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Informal Enquiries

Informal enquiries should be made to Dr Emma Haycraft, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, via email to E.Haycraft@lboro.ac.uk

Application & Interview

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Tuesday 18 April 2017**.

Longlisted candidates will be invited to deliver a 10-minute presentation to the Dean and relevant academic colleagues via Skype on **Monday 22 May**; this will be part of the selection process and will help to inform the shortlist for interview. Once agreed, shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview in person on **Tuesday 6 June**.

READER IN SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

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To engage personally with those activities, adding to the School's international reputation in Sport and Exercise Psychology.

Job Duties:

Academic Leadership

- To pursue excellence in research, teaching and enterprise and to inspire others to do the same.
- To lead and participate in internal and external networks to foster collaboration and to promote Sport and Exercise Psychology, the School and the University, nationally and internationally.
- To monitor the external environment and ensure that the School and University capitalise on emerging opportunities and to review the scope of current academic provision.

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- To supervise postgraduate students at Masters and Doctoral levels.
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- To initiate, lead and collaborate in research initiatives with other HEIs and other relevant bodies.

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	A sustained and continuing record of excellence which has contributed to the furtherance of knowledge in sport and exercise psychology, and is recognised by an established international reputation in that area.	1, 3
	Experience of working in an internationally recognised academic research environment, including significant experience at post-doctoral level.	1
	Evidence of authoring a substantial body of original work, in the highest quality refereed academic journals as judged against international norms.	1
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	Experience of leading a team.	2,3
	Excellent IT skills.	1
Training	Commitment to and evidence of continuing professional development.	1,3
Qualifications	Relevant PhD or equivalent experience.	1
	Eligibility to obtain BPS chartered status (C.Psychol)	1
	Fellow of the Higher Education Academy	1
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Qualifications	Appropriate professional status	1

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