THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LECTURESHIP IN LINGUISTICS AND QUANTITIVE METHODS

Vacancy ref: HUM-07495

Salary:	Salary will be within the range from £34,576 to £47,801 per annum according to relevant experience
Start/duration:	1st September 2016 to 31st July 2023 (and possibly beyond)
Based at:	The University of Manchester
Responsible to:	Head of the Division of Linguistics and English Language School of Arts Languages and Cultures, The University of Manchester

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Enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews:
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For information about Linguistics and English Language see
http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/lel/

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Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Linguistics and Quantitative Methods tenable from September 1st, 2016. The appointment is funded as part of the University's successful bid to become a Q-Step Centre. Q-Step is a £19.5-million programme designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training (see 'About Q-Step' below).

The role includes a substantial commitment to the delivery of the Manchester Q-Step Centre's 5 year work plan. This includes the design and delivery of new undergraduate modules and training workshops as well as the provision of support and advice on quantitative data and methods to dissertation students and teaching colleagues. Contribution to the student internship scheme that is being funded through the programme is also required. Applicants must have a PhD in Linguistics and a track record of teaching and research using quantitative data and methods.

BACKGROUND

The University of Manchester was formed in 2004 by bringing together The Victoria University of Manchester and the University of Manchester Institute of Technology (UMIST). With 15,000 students and some 900 academic staff, the **Faculty of Humanities** at the University of Manchester is equivalent to a medium-sized university in the UK. The Faculty encompasses Arts, Education, Law, Development, Social Sciences, and Business and Management.

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

Teaching and research conducted in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures at The University of Manchester embraces the material, visual, linguistic, textual, social and performative dimensions of human society, ranging from pre-historic times, through the classical and medieval periods, to the present day. The School hosts the following subject areas: Archaeology; Art History and Visual Studies; Classics and Ancient History; Drama; East Asian Studies; English, American Studies and Creative Writing; French Studies; German Studies; History; Italian Studies; Linguistics and English Language; Middle Eastern Studies; Music; Religions and Theology; Russian and East European Studies; Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies; Translation and Intercultural Studies. In addition, the School has a Language Centre. These areas are administratively grouped into eight Divisions, Linguistics and English Language being one of them.

The discipline areas that make up the School of Arts Languages and Cultures have an outstanding research profile. With respect to Modern Languages and Linguistics in particular, overall 80% of the research carried out in Manchester was rated 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the UK's Research Excellence Framework 2014. The School has substantial grant income from a number of sources. Teaching is another key element of the School's activity and colleagues within the School regularly win University teaching awards and teaching related grants.

Linguistics and English Language

Manchester is an international centre for linguistics and English language. The Division is virtually unique in the UK and beyond in the breadth of subject areas and theoretical approaches represented by its members, many of whom are internationally renowned scholars in their specialisms. Particular strengths in the discipline include: endangered languages, field linguistics and language documentation, the linguistics of English (both synchronic and diachronic), phonetics and phonology, (formal) semantics and pragmatics, morphology, syntax, typology, language contact, sociolinguistics, dialectology, historical linguistics, and quantitative corpus-based approaches. The Division has achieved considerable success in winning research grants in recent years, and has contributed to the formation of a linguistics pathway within the ESRC Northwest Doctoral Training Centre.

The Division is one of the best-recruiting areas within the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, and has flourishing single honours undergraduate degree programmes in both Linguistics and English Language. There are also a number of joint honours programmes with subject areas both within and outside the School.

For further details, see the departmental webpage:
http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/lel/

ABOUT Q-STEP

A step-change in quantitative social science skills

Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, ESRC and HEFCE

Q-Step is a £19.5 million programme designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training. Over a five-year period from 2013, fifteen universities across the UK are delivering specialist undergraduate programmes, including new courses, work placements and pathways to postgraduate study. Expertise and resources will be shared across the higher education sector through an accompanying support programme, which will also forge links with schools and employers.

Q-Step was developed as a strategic response to the shortage of quantitatively-skilled social science graduates. It is funded by the Nuffield Foundation, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). For more information go to www.nuffieldfoundation.org/q-step

Two years into the programme the Manchester Q-Step Centre is already delivering a wide range of new courses and has established a nationally recognised internship programme placing undergraduate students with over 40 organisations each year. See www.manchester.ac.uk/q-step/

JOB DESCRIPTION

You will have a specialism in linguistics and quantitative methods. You will be expected to conduct research within the field of linguistics using quantitative methodologies, to teach and provide supervision at undergraduate level, and to take responsibility for administrative tasks within the discipline area, under the supervision of the Head of Division. Depending on level of seniority and previous experience you may also be expected to teach and provide supervision at postgraduate level. You will take an active interest in teaching, find ways of encouraging student learning and be prepared to adopt different methodologies for teaching and assessment to suit different student groups. You must also be able to collaborate closely with colleagues in the delivery of teaching and learning, be willing to take a share of responsibilities for student progress and academic management, and be eager to make a full commitment to our ideals of collegiality and academic integrity at all levels of activity.

Your duties will include:

- Conducting research that is excellent by international standards.
- Producing publications of international quality.
- Offering excellent teaching including the development of new courses on quantitative methods in language studies.
- Providing appropriate academic advice and support to students both individually and in groups.
- Contributing to the administration of Linguistics and English Language, as called for by the Head of Linguistics and English Language and the Head of School.

Depending on level of seniority and previous experience, the following duties may also be relevant to the post:

- Developing research proposals and securing appropriate external funding for them.
- Recruiting and supervising Ph.D. students.

QStep-Centre specific:
- Developing and teaching new quantitative modules as part of the Linguistics and English Language curriculum
- Working with colleagues in Linguistics and English Language to help incorporate greater use of quantitative data and skills training within the existing undergraduate curriculum, including dissertations.
- Working with QStep colleagues to design and deliver a range of quantitative training activities and events as part of the Centre's 5-year work plan. These include a programme of summer internships, a guest lecture seminar series, dissemination and outreach events and a drop-in support service for dissertation students and their supervisors.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential attributes for the Lectureship post:

- A PhD in Linguistics with focus on quantitative methods.
- A record of research and publications with the application of quantitative methods within linguistics.
- Some experience of delivering high-quality research-led teaching using quantitative data and methods in linguistics.
- Willingness and ability to take a share of responsibilities for student progress and academic management.

Desirable attributes:

- Some experience in course unit or curriculum design using quantitative methods in linguistics.
- Experience in using survey datasets in research and teaching.
- A strong commitment to collegiality.