

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES

DIVISION OF LANGUAGE-BASED AREA STUDIES

LECTURER IN CHINESE CULTURAL STUDIES

VACANCY REF: HUM-12884

Salary: £36,261 to £50,132 per annum

Hours: Full Time

Duration: Permanent

Location: Oxford Road, Manchester

Enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews:

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Overall Purpose of the Job:

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) contains one of the UK's largest concentrations of high-quality research and teaching in languages and linguistics. SALC is seeking to recruit a full-time lecturer to advance the activities of Chinese Studies which is housed within the Division of Language-Based Area Studies. The appointed person, whose research may focus on any aspect of early modern, modern, or contemporary Chinese culture, will make a major contribution to Chinese Studies at the University of Manchester in terms research and our undergraduate curriculum. The appointed person must be able to deliver courses that successfully combine the study of culture, history and language. Applicants must therefore be fully fluent in English and Mandarin. The post, which is offered on an open-ended basis, is tenable from 1 September 2019.

The School is strongly committed to the enhancement of excellence, in step with the University's ambitious plans as set out in the document Building on Manchester 2015 – Towards Manchester

2020, which is designed to cement the University's place within the world's top 25 universities. In REF 2014, Modern Languages at Manchester achieved an excellent result, being ranked third in the UK on research power. Teaching is a key element of the School's activity and students at all levels benefit from the breadth of the School in that they can combine languages and also pursue interests from a cross-cultural and cross-linguistic perspective.

Key Responsibilities, Accountabilities or Duties:

- Conduct high quality research in any area of early modern, modern or contemporary Chinese culture for submission in future REF exercises (or equivalent). Your research should contribute to improving the visibility of Chinese Studies at the University of Manchester, in the UK and internationally.
- Liaise with the Head of the Division of Language-Based Area Studies and the Undergraduate Programme Director in Chinese Studies with regard to teaching activities.
- Convene and deliver teaching for undergraduate courses on modern or contemporary Chinese culture.
- Teach on other related undergraduate and postgraduate course units as required.
- Provide formative and summative assessment, including appropriate feedback; working with course convenors to set and mark examinations and coursework according to University criteria.
- Be available for consultation with students during a minimum of two designated office hours per week.
- Undertake other duties, administrative or otherwise, as may reasonably be required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- A PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant field awarded.
- Fluency (oral and written) in English and Mandarin.
- A track record of research and publication (including evidence of publications currently under review with peer-reviewed and internationally recognised journals).
- Teaching experience in Chinese cultural studies at university level.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to empathize with students.
- Ability to work in a team and to contribute to collegiality.

Desirable;

- Experience of assessing undergraduate work in Mandarin as a foreign language, including translation.
- Experience of postgraduate teaching.
- Experience of postgraduate research supervision.
- Experience submitting grant applications.
- Expertise in using IT resources, including virtual learning environments, for teaching purposes, and experience developing online teaching materials.
- Experience of university administration.

The candidate chosen will be the one who matches most closely the overall requirements of the post, so candidates should address the above criteria in their applications.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to provide two examples of their own written work (preferably submitted to peer-reviewed journals or equivalent), and will be asked to make two 15 minute presentations at interview: (1) on their research agenda; (2) on teaching – the idea here would be to offer a 15 minute section of an actual class as opposed to an entire class condensed into 15 minutes.