

Job Title: Chair in Digital Media and Society
Grade: 10
Salary: Competitive
School: School of Media, Communication and Sociology
Contract: Permanent, full time
Job Reference: SAH01305

Role Purpose

We are seeking an outstanding academic, with first class leadership and management skills and an excellent track record in research.

You will undertake research at of a world-leading standard, attract research funding and contribute to teaching and administration. You make a significant contribution to the School's reputation, building on existing strengths and raising levels of research activity, research income, teaching excellence and the visibility of the School.

Principal Responsibilities	% Time
<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing research leadership and developing and enhancing the research profile of the School. • Conducting research at an internationally competitive level and collaborating, as appropriate, with colleagues in the School, College and University. • Securing external funding to support research activity- including identifying opportunities and leading applications for large strategic funding initiatives. • Publishing research results in peer-reviewed journals and other outlets of international standing and disseminating these results at appropriate conferences, thus contributing to the external visibility and reputation of the School. • Managing research projects, including their financial control, and supervising research staff, research students and support staff. 	40





<p>Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing leadership and direction to ensure that the teaching of the School meets the requirements of the University, and its students. • Ensuring that the School complies with the University and School teaching quality assurance standards and procedures, including the provision of such information as may be required. • Ensuring that any requirements for accredited teaching programmes are satisfied. • Giving lectures, seminars, tutorials and other classes in support of the required teaching obligations, and to supervise project work by undergraduate and postgraduate students as required and insofar as other duties allow. • Co-operating with colleagues in the continuous review of the curriculum and the development of new modules, degree streams and other academic awards where appropriate. • Ensuring that student feedback on teaching is obtained and responding constructively to such feedback and to advice from peers. • Taking responsibility for specific areas of teaching and learning within the School’s undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. • Recognising the challenges and possibilities of developing further distance learning courses, including in support of continuous professional development. • Undertaking the academic and administrative duties required to sustain the delivery of high-quality teaching. 	40
<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a leadership role within the school, including a key administrative role to further develop and enhance the reputation of the School, its courses and staff. • Leading and participating in School meetings and other committees and working groups within the School, College and University to which appointed or elected. 	20



Internal and External Relationships

Coordination of research, enterprise and teaching activities in your area within the School, the College, and the University.

Collaboration with school, college and university administration and management.

Planning and Organising

Shaping the strategic direction of your own area of activity in research, enterprise and teaching. Help develop school, college- and university-level strategies and contribute to operational planning and implementation of such strategies.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- A PhD in Media or a cognate field.*
- An outstanding record of research achievement in Digital Media and Society, evidenced by an established international reputation and publications in peer reviewed journals and other outlets of international standing.*
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership in both research and teaching.*
- Proven track record in grant capture and or consultancy*
- Demonstrated ability to manage the work of academic colleagues.*

Skills, Abilities and Competencies

Essential

- Ability to contribute to the developing vision for the School, working closely and collaboratively with others.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to help develop colleagues and contribute to the leadership of the School.
- A collegial working style.
- A clear ambitious research plan.
- Ability to produce research with external impact



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- Commitment to high quality teaching and learning and to the synergy between teaching and research*.
- Excellent written communication*, oral communication and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to generate external funding (through research grants, contracts or other sources) to support research programmes.*
- Strong networking and external engagement skills.
- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake research, teaching and administrative activities utilising English Language materials and to communicate effectively with staff and students

Desirable

- Competency in IT and familiarity with a computerised environment.
- Managerial experience.

****Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview***

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.

Staff Benefits

- 38 days annual leave including 6 closure days and bank holidays
- Pension
- Discounted gym membership
- Childcare voucher schemes

