

UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Lecturer and Programme Leader in Performing Arts (Theatre)		
DEPARTMENT / COLLEGE	Department of Music and Performing Arts / College of Arts		
LOCATION	Derby		
JOB NUMBER	0694 - 18	SALARY	£31,604 - £32,548 per annum
REPORTS TO	Head of Discipline (Music & Performing Arts)		

Role Summary

You will be required to teach, research, and engage in advanced professional practice and curriculum development in the theatre portfolio, contributing to the BA (Hons) Contemporary Theatre and Performance, BA (Hons) Technical Theatre, and the combined subject honours pathway in Theatre Studies.

It is expected that the successful candidate will assume Programme Leadership of the BA (Hons) Contemporary Theatre and Performance.

You will provide leadership to staff and students ensuring the programme continues to perform to a high level, further extending the current success into new areas and opportunities.

Appropriate professional and academic expertise in contemporary performance, history and theory of drama and performance, dramaturgy, acting, directing, devising, applied theatre, and new writing or a combination of these with additional interest and specialities would be advantageous.

Students on our programmes benefit from the strong working relationship between academic practice and professional production processes.

Principal Accountabilities

Learning & teaching

- To prepare and deliver specialist teaching in the field of theatre and drama at undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- To prepare and deliver academic teaching in related areas of expertise.
- To provide innovative and inspirational teaching methods alongside critical enquiry and employer engagement.
- To take part in curriculum development within your field of expertise, exploring new and emerging areas of professional activity, reviewing and refreshing traditional modes of study, and devising or

contributing to new modes of delivery including blended and online provision.

- To lead or contribute to inspirational practical teaching, contributing to the development of teaching resources, including engagement with live events, which will require significant involvement with evening and weekend work.
- To work closely with staff at Derby Theatre to draw on the unique opportunities of teaching from within a professional theatre.

Research/Scholarship

- Take the lead on, plan, develop and conduct research objectives, projects and proposals within the broader programme. Deliver research outcomes that will contribute to the REF.
- Acquire, analyse, interpret and evaluate research findings / data using approaches, techniques, models and methods selected or developed for the purpose.
- Manage the application of a range of methodologies, approaches and techniques appropriate to the type of research being pursued. Where appropriate investigate and devise research methods and approaches.
- Generate income by developing and winning support for innovative research proposals and funding bids, working where appropriate within Research Centres and Colleges.
- Disseminate and explain research findings through leading peer-reviewed national publications (and international where appropriate), conferences and other appropriate media.
- Ensure adherence to ethical standards in the projects for which the role holder are responsible.
- Monitor research resources such as budget, materials and equipment.
- Provide mentoring and guidance to colleagues and co-ordinate the work of research and support staff.
- Take a leading role in the development and delivery of business engagement activities, developing entrepreneurial links with external organisations.
- Identify own professional needs and undertake appropriate training and staff development.
- To undertake administrative duties related to the smooth running of the School and College. To take on any other tasks within the area of expertise, as required.

Other

- Act as a personal tutor, supporting and mentoring students as appropriate
- Provide pastoral care to students, referring when necessary to services that provide further support.
- Liaise with international partners as required on existing and future collaborations.
- Contribute to new initiatives at appropriate levels.

- Build on existing research networks, furthering contacts with external organisations such as funding bodies.
- Actively seek out and develop opportunities for interdisciplinary research both across the University and externally.
- To undertake ongoing professional development, seeking always to advance the post-holder's level of competence, and enhancing new processes, practices and technologies.
- Professional activities to underpin teaching, external activities related to income generation, and public engagement. Marketing and recruitment activities, including weekend and evening engagement with Open Days and other admissions related activity and any other duties as required.
- Observe and implement University policies and procedures.

The makeup of duties will be determined from time to time by the Head of Discipline in consultation with the post-holder and will be reviewed regularly through staff appraisal at three points in the academic year.

Person Specification

Essential Criteria

Qualifications

- Degree level qualification in a relevant discipline
- Postgraduate level qualification in a relevant discipline or equivalent professional experience
- Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) or willing to work towards (within 12 months)

Experience

- HE teaching experience in appropriate specialisms within theatre and drama
- Teaching experience in Higher Education.
- Professional experience in the field of Performing Arts and/or Theatre.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities

- Knowledge of higher education and ability to use a range of delivery techniques to inspire and engage students
- Ability to lecture to small and large groups, design and lead innovative practical work, with real empathy for the student experience and to provide tutorial advice and guidance in subject area and lead projects
- Ability to attract third stream income and contribute to external income targets for the School and College
- Good organisational skills with the ability to meet deadlines.
- Good team participation skills.
- Ability to represent the University convincingly to professional contacts and act as an ambassador for all programmes in the College
- Ability to work with current teaching technologies
- Available to work flexibly as required including some weekend and evening duties

Desirable Criteria

Qualifications

- Appropriate level of membership of a relevant professional body or working towards

Experience

Learning / Teaching

- Experience of developing innovative module/programme content and delivery methods

Research / Scholarship

- Track record in gaining support for significant externally funded research and consultancy projects e.g. with industry, commerce, public bodies
- A growing national / international reputation in the academic discipline

Skills, knowledge and abilities

- Ability to provide leadership and co-ordinate work of other staff
- Developing skills in providing leadership to small research teams

Benefits

As well as competitive pay scales, we offer generous holiday entitlement. We also offer opportunities for further salary progression based on performance, and the opportunity to join a contributory pension scheme.

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