Job Description – Job Title: Fixed-Term 0.6 FTE Lecturer in Religious Studies

About the role
The person appointed will be a Central Academic member of staff based in the School of History, Religious Studies, Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (School of Social Science and Global Studies (SSGS) from 1st August 2019) (FASS) at The Open University, Milton Keynes. The department of Religious Studies is expanding its curriculum and preparing its submission to the forthcoming REF. He or she will contribute to the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in Religious Studies, supporting teams responsible for the production, presentation, assessment and quality assurance of our modules and for the interdisciplinary modules to which we contribute.

The ideal candidate for the role will have experience of teaching in distance-learning contexts and a record of research, public engagement and publications.

Key responsibilities

Teaching

- Contribute to leadership of module production and presentation
- Contribute to teams producing, presenting and updating religious studies modules and qualifications
- Support and lead student learning activity, for example in online forums for taught courses

Research

- Engage actively in research and produce high quality research outputs including work of international standard
- Take an active role in applying for research funding
- Contribute to activities and events complementary to on-going research in the School, Faculty and research centres
**Skills and experience**

**Essential**

A completed PhD in Religious Studies, or equivalent.

Teaching experience.

Ability to contribute to the maintenance of the department’s courses at undergraduate level.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Active researcher able to make a strong contribution to the REF 2020.

The ability to work as an effective and collegial member of a team.

Efficiency and organisation skills, including the ability to work to deadlines and in the use of IT

Commitment to the ideals of The Open University, including equality and diversity issues.

**Desirable**

Familiarity with the areas covered in the Department’s courses.

Willingness to contribute to cross- and interdisciplinary courses.

Familiarity with and enthusiasm for developments in electronic teaching methods.

An awareness of the latest pedagogy for teaching Religious Studies in HE, including an understanding of the role of online teaching.

Ongoing scholarly engagement with the discipline area.

Taken the initiative to achieve better teaching and learning, or improve working practices, or take advantage of new technology.

The ability to contribute to the existing research strengths in the department.