Job Description – Lecturer in Childhood and Youth Studies, Ref - 17100

Location: Milton Keynes
Grade AC3 £41,526 - £49,553, depending on qualifications and experience
Permanent, Full Time

About the role

To contribute:

- To the development and delivery of modules and resources in Childhood and Youth Studies.
- To the Faculty’s programme of research and scholarship;
- To academic development and organisation of the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies and The Open University.

Key responsibilities

1. Contribute to the planning and preparation, writing and updating of distance learning modules and resources that may include the use of print, audio, video and information and communications technologies (e.g. synchronous and asynchronous computer-mediated communication).
2. Contribute to decisions about curriculum, teaching and assessment strategies.
3. Brief, liaise with and co-ordinate the work of consultant writers as necessary.
4. Meet the requirement of direct contact with students through a variety of means, for example residential schools, day schools, e-moderating of electronic conferences and research student supervision, as appropriate.
5. Contribute to the briefing, debriefing and training of part-time teaching staff (Associate Lecturers).
6. Contribute to the maintenance of relevant modules, including preparing tutor-marked assignments and examination papers, monitoring of assessment, and membership of Examination and Qualification Boards.
7. Conduct research and scholarship aligned with the Faculty’s strategic priorities and through seeking external funding and contributions to academic publications, conferences and external activities as appropriate.
8. Contribute more broadly to the activities of the School and Faculty as required.

Skills and experience

Essential:

- Higher degree or equivalent professional knowledge in Childhood and Youth Studies or related field
- Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with individuals and groups of varying sizes.
- Knowledge and experience necessary to contribute to the development and production of modules in Childhood and Youth studies, particularly the ability to write in an accessible and inclusive manner for students.
- Broad knowledge of the field of Childhood and Youth studies and understanding of other approaches to studying childhood and youth within the social sciences.
- Proven experience of curriculum development and course design.
- Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure.
• Demonstrable experience of having used information and communications technology for a variety of purposes including learning and teaching, and evidence of understanding of the potential of new and emerging technologies to enhance learning.
• Evidence of engagement in research and scholarship through a variety of activities such as publications, gaining of external funding and/or widely recognised and disseminated contributions to learning and teaching in Childhood and Youth Studies.
• A strong record of research and/or knowledge exchange that is commensurate to the position.
• A strong commitment to excellence in inclusive learning and teaching for a diverse student population Proven ability to work effectively and flexibly in a team and collaboratively in a team with others.
• Ability and willingness to travel for work purposes, and to live within reasonable commuting distance of The Open University in Milton Keynes.

Desirable:
• PhD in a relevant area.
• Experience of producing open- or distance-learning materials.
• Record of publications in a relevant area.

The Open University is an Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which diversity is embraced by maintaining and respecting the dignity, respect and civility of individuals from all backgrounds, identities, cultures and experiences. The programmes in the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education, and Language Studies play an integral role in achieving the University’s widening participation and social justice mission. We strive to recruit, retain and develop the careers of a diverse pool of students and staff, and particularly encourage applications from all underrepresented groups.