Job Description – Lecturer in Law

4 Year Fixed Term Contract Post

About the Role

The Open University Law School is looking to appoint a lecturer in law. Applications are sought from candidates with knowledge of and expertise in the foundation subjects of a Qualifying Law degree (England & Wales).

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidates will be required to:

- Contribute to the undergraduate degree by working on the development and presentation of undergraduate law modules;

- Contribute to at least one of the following:
  - the Open University Law School’s preparations for the introduction of the Solicitor’s Qualifying Examinations, or
  - the Open University Law School’s development of an LLM by Research;

- Conduct research which will enhance the research profile of the Law School;

- Contribute to the development of tutors and support of students;

- Be responsive to multimedia developments within the OU;

- Play a full part in the academic life of the Law School, which is located on The Open University’s Walton Hall campus in Milton Keynes; and

- Serve as requested on Law School, Faculty and OU committees.

Additionally, the successful candidate may be involved in Working to enhance the employability of Law School graduates and/or our Open Justice Centre.

Skills and Experience

Essential:

- An English law degree or equivalent.

- National quality outputs in the current REF period and clear plans as to how you plan to develop your research profile.

- Teaching experience in higher education.

- Clear evidence of the ability to structure and write complex law teaching materials in English in an accurate and accessible manner.
• An ability to contribute to the development and presentation of undergraduate law modules.
• An ability to contribute to either the Open University Law School’s preparations for the Solicitors Qualifying Examinations or the Open University Law School’s development of an LLM by Research.
• Computer literacy and ICT competence.
• An ability to work effectively both with other academics and with academic support staff in module and project teams.
• Effective communication skills orally, in writing and electronically.
• Ability to make complex legal materials accessible to and interesting for students with a range of prior learning experiences.
• Understanding the principles and practice of educational design and module development.
• The ability to work to tight deadlines.
• A commitment to, and understanding of, equal opportunities.
• A commitment to distance learning and the need for supporting students from a wide range of backgrounds.
• Willingness to work occasional evenings and weekends.

Desirable:
• A professional qualification (e.g. solicitor, barrister).
• A Masters in Law.
• A PhD in Law.
• Fellowship or Senior Fellowship of Advance HE (formerly the Higher Education Academy) or PG CERT.
• Experience of academic module design and development.
• Success in attracting external research funding.
• Experience in online distance education.
• Experience in developing material for and teaching on Legal Practice or QLTS courses.
• Experience in developing material for and teaching on LLM by Research qualifications.
• Experience of successfully supervising PhDs to completion.
• An ability to contribute to our first-year undergraduate module W101 An Introduction to Law, and W102 Law: concepts and perspectives.
• An ability to contribute to the teaching of Contract Law.
• An ability to contribute to the development of one or more of Law’s existing research clusters.