Job Description – Senior Lecturer in Law

About the Role

The Open University Law School is looking to appointment a Senior 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:

- Taking a lead 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;
- Taking a lead to 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.
- At least one of the following:
  - 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.

- A strong publication record including international quality outputs in the current REF period together with clear plans as to how you plan to develop your research profile.
- Teaching experience in higher education including experience of successfully designing and developing modules.
- 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 including the ability to take a lead role in such 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:
- 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 the development of one or more of Law’s existing research clusters.
- An ability to undertake interdisciplinary research.