

Job Description

Job Title:	Lecturer in English Literature and Creative Writing
Job Ref:	ACI58
Campus:	Hendon
Grade:	Grade 7
Salary:	£37,530 to £43,111 per annum (incl. Outer London Weighting)
FTE:	1 FTE
Period:	Permanent
Reporting To:	Head of Department

Role Summary

We are looking for an academic in English Literature and Creative Writing to contribute to our growing English and Creative Writing subject areas. The role will be held by an enthusiastic and highly motivated academic with English Literature expertise in one or more of the following areas: contemporary literature (realism, anti-realism and the fantastic), global literature written in English. The role will furthermore be held by someone with a proven track record of publishing professional Creative Writing in prose (fiction or non-fiction). The post holder will be able to combine research with learning, teaching and knowledge transfer, and will make a positive contribution to the Media Department and the University.

Job Purpose

To conduct and contribute to learning, teaching, research and knowledge transfer to the benefit of students, the Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries, Middlesex University and the wider community. To be part of a strong team who develop and deliver programmes in the English and Creative Writing subject areas of the department.

English and Creative Subject Area

We view English as a broad but unified subject that includes English language and linguistics, literature and creative writing. We teach Creative Writing at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate levels.

The BA English programme gives students the opportunity to produce, analyse and critically discuss texts in a wide range of media. Students encounter literary and non-literary texts and explore how language works in literature and in social interaction, and develop their own voice in creative writing. For more information on BA English, see:

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/english>

BA Creative Writing and Journalism gives students a unique opportunity to develop as creative writers, gain practical journalistic skills and form a close understanding of the journalism industry. This focusses on improving student writing skills in a wide variety of forms including fiction, drama and creative non-fiction whilst taking an in-depth look at the journalism profession.

<https://www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/creative-writing-and-journalism>

Some staff of the subject area also form a vibrant Language and Communication research cluster. Its members carry out research into the philosophy and theory of communication, pragmatics, the definition of language as a human phenomenon, gender and age in language use, narrative, language in critical theory, semiotics and rhetoric.

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/our-research/research-groups/language-and-communication-research-cluster>

Main responsibilities

Learning and teaching

- Deliver high quality teaching to students
- Supervise students' final-year independent projects
- Design, develop and review teaching activities and materials
- Identify best and innovative practices in learning and teaching and build these in to personal teaching practice
- Maintain an understanding of how emerging research in the subject discipline can shape and improve the curriculum and inform personal teaching practice
- Contribute to module and programme review and design
- Give effective advice, guidance and feedback to students to support their academic progress
- Enhance student experience and outcomes

Research and knowledge transfer

- Contribute to or lead (under guidance) applications for research and knowledge transfer funding
- Individually or with others, conduct and disseminate the outputs of high quality research, normally of international standard
- Develop and maintain a network of research and knowledge transfer related contacts in the University and the wider specialist community
- Be committed to ensuring that research has impact beyond academia
- Continually update own knowledge in the field of specialism
- Contribute to doctoral supervision

Academic Leadership and Management

- Lead learning and teaching activities in a particular area as agreed, e.g. module leadership
- Contribute to the administration of the academic programme, by supporting student recruitment, induction etc.
- Advise and coach colleagues
- Undertake other activities, as required.

Hours: The duties and responsibilities of a Lecturer are wide-ranging. You will be expected to work hours as are reasonably necessary in order to fulfill your duties and responsibilities.

Leave: 35 days per annum plus eight Bank Holidays and seven University days taken at Christmas (pro rata for part-time staff) which may need to be taken as time off in lieu.

Flexibility: Please note that given the need for flexibility in order to meet the changing requirements of the University, the duties and location of this post and the role of the post-holder may be changed after consultation. The balance of duties may vary over time and will be reviewed as part of the appraisal process.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Knowledge, Skills and Experience

Essential Requirements

1. Appropriate academic qualifications in the field of English Literature and/or Creative Writing at postgraduate level (normally a doctorate or equivalent).
2. Experience of delivering high quality teaching and dissertation supervision at HE level in one or more of the following areas: contemporary literature (realism, anti-realism and the fantastic); global literature written in English; this combined with experience of teaching Creative Writing (Prose Fiction or Non-Fiction) in HE. An understanding of good professional practice in learning and teaching.
3. A track record of publishing prose Creative Writing (Fiction and/or Non-Fiction) with mainstream publishers, as well as evidence of research outputs of international standard and a track record of or commitment to attracting research and/or knowledge transfer funding.
4. Ability to offer high-quality pastoral and academic support to a diverse range of students.

Desirable Requirements

1. PGCertHE or other teaching qualification, or commitment to completing formal training in academic practice.
2. Experience in supervising postgraduate research students.
3. Experience of teaching online/distance education courses.

No Parking at Hendon campus: There are no parking facilities for new staff joining our Hendon campus, except for Blue Badge holders. If you are applying for a post at our Hendon Campus please ensure you can commute without using a car.

Information on public transport to Hendon can be found here:

<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/get-in-touch/directions-london>

We offer an interest-free season ticket loan, interest-free motorbike loan, and bicycle and motorbike parking and changing facilities.

The post-holder will be expected to actively follow Middlesex University policies and procedures and maintain an awareness and observation of Fire and Health & Safety Regulations.

Flexible working applications (including part-time working) will be considered.

If you wish to apply for this post, please return to the portal and click on Apply Online.

What Happens Next?

If you wish to discuss the job in further detail please contact James Charlton, Head of Department for Media (J.Charlton@mdx.ac.uk).

If selected for interview, you will hear directly from someone in the Faculty of Arts and Creative Industries, usually within 3 weeks of the closing date.

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education programme

Staff who do not hold a teaching qualification in Higher Education may be required to undertake a Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (PG Cert HE) on appointment.

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Set out below are the conditions which apply to newly appointed academic staff in relation to the PG Cert HE programme:

- all staff with a contract of more than two years duration and not less than 0.5 FTE are expected to complete the programme unless exempted at the time of appointment;
- other fractional staff and part-time hourly-paid staff may enroll on the programme subject to the normal University conditions concerning payment of tuition fees;
- exemption shall be granted to suitably qualified and experienced staff: *i.e.* individuals with 3 years full-time teaching experience or equivalent or PG Cert HE or equivalent;
- normally staff should be expected to complete the PG Cert HE programme successfully within 24 months of enrolling;
- normally there will be an upper limit of four years to complete the programme successfully. If problems are identified at 30 months every effort will be made to resolve them at a staff development level;
- failure to complete the programme within four years may result in delayed grade progression within the University from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer and is likely to be considered negatively when candidates in such a position apply for promotion;
- staff must be given adequate time to complete the programme within an agreed time framework (*i.e.* normally within 24 months);
- staff will normally be given a time allocation of 0.1 FTE in order to participate in the programme;
- staff who do not complete the programme successfully within 48 months of enrolment without good cause will not receive a further increment until they do successfully complete the programme;
- where exceptional circumstances apply staff should have the right to appeal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor against a decision to withhold increments pending successful completion of the programme within four years.

The following qualifications will be considered for exemption of new teaching staff from undertaking the PGCHE:

Either

- Qualified teacher status: e.g. Registered teaching qualification recognised by SEDA, Bed, PG Cert E or further education qualification;
- DFEE registered teaching number (school based number);
- Recognised ENB (NURSING) teaching qualification.

Or

- Three years full time teaching experience (subject to review following guidelines from ITLHE).

Not Accepted

General Adult Education cert. not accepted at present as it does not consider theories of learning, knowledge, needs, skills, and principles of learning.

NB Regardless of exemption, all new lecturers to the University MUST go through academic induction.

Academic Professional Apprenticeships

Newly appointed academic professionals, including Associate Lecturers, engaged in higher education teaching and/or research have for some years been required to undertake the PG Cert HE programme unless they hold an equivalent qualification or relevant experience. This is because Middlesex University is committed to the professionalisation of teaching in higher education through recognition and the celebration of good practice in learning and teaching. The PG Cert HE carries academic credit, not only for articulating and demonstrating the scholarship of teaching and learning but, of equal importance, for evidence from practice which convincingly underpins espoused theory.

From September 2018, subject to eligibility criteria, Academics without a teaching qualification are now required to undertake the Academic Professional Apprenticeship or the PG Cert HE as appropriate.

Key points

(please refer to the *Academic Professional apprenticeship Guidelines* for more detailed information) <https://www.intra.mdx.ac.uk/key-information/academic-professional-apprenticeship>

- Employees will follow a Teaching or Research route dependent on the focus of their main post'
- The Academic Professional Apprenticeship is expected to be completed over 18 to 24 months.
- Employees working less than 0.8 FTE will have the duration of the Apprenticeship extended.
- 20% of the contractual time is set aside for off the job Training (7 hours a week).
- Applicants will be auto-registered on the Apprenticeship in October or January following their employment.
- The Apprenticeship is managed by the School of Health and Education
- Applicants have 2 years to successfully complete the programme.

Guidance Table

Considerations	Answer
Does applicant already have a teaching Qualification?	If yes, no further action is required. If applicant does not already have a teaching qualification and is a UK or EEA national (who has been in the UK for at least 3 years) they will be auto registered onto the Academic Professional Apprenticeship.
Is applicant a UK or EEA national (who has been in the UK for at least 3 years) ?	If Applicant does not meet the requirements (<i>i.e although they have the right to work but have not been in the UK for 3 years</i>), they will be required to undertake the PG Cert HE as they will not be eligible to be an apprentice.

When are applicants expected to start the programme?	If Applicant commences employment before September, they will commence the programme in September. Applicants who commence employment after September but before January, will commence in January.
Are applicants able to request a deferral?	Any permission for deferral will be given by the Dean.