

Job Title: Lecturer (Teaching and Research) supporting the Chongqing Medical University

Joint Educational Institute

Grade: 8

**Salary:** £44,263 to £54,395 per annum, pro rata if part-time

**Department:** Genetics, Genomics and Cancer Sciences

Hours/Contract: Full-time or job share, permanent

Reference: 10205

#### **Role Purpose**

We are seeking a high calibre scientist with a research profile of international standing to join the Leicester Cancer Research Centre (LCRC), the Cancer Theme within our NIHR funded Biomedical Research Centre and the Cancer Research UK and NIHR funded Experimental cancer Medicine Centre (ECMC), all hosted in the Department of Genetics and Genome Biology, as a Lecturer in Cancer Precision Medicine.

The post holder will draw on academic experience to underpin and carry out activities across a range of areas of academic and university life, aligned with the <u>University's strategic themes</u> of 'World Changing Research', 'Research Inspired Education' and 'Our Citizens,' together with the University values.

This post based in Leicester, will contribute to the teaching associated with the University of Leicester (UoL), Chongqing Medical University (CQMU) Joint Educational Programme (JEP) (45%). The post-holder will conduct research in cancer within the Department of Genetics and Genome Biology (GGB), incorporating the Leicester Cancer Research Centre (LCRC) (45%). The remaining 10% of workload will relate to the citizenship activities detailed below.

The teaching responsibilities will include co-lead and delivery of a Year 3 Precision Cancer and Respiratory Medicine module for the BSc in Clinical Sciences and teaching on the taught MSc cancer programmes. Both of these teaching areas will contribute to the UoL/CQMU JEP and the post-holder will also act as a first-reserve educator for faculty flying from UoL to teach at CQMU in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Any teaching in PRC will be for a maximum of 4 weeks per year and will only be necessary should the regular flying faculty become unavailable.

The research responsibilities will contribute to our major commitment into cancer research in LCRC, our NIHR funded Biomedical Research Centre ECMC. We are seeking someone with expertise in translational cancer research aligning with pour overarching cancer research focus on personalizing cancer prevention, detection and therapy. The Department and LCRC is particularly interested in candidates that will bring expertise in the fields of cancer genomics, bioinformatics and/or computational biology.

Research responsibilities will be conducted in Leicester, UK and the exploration of collaborative opportunities with CQMU will be encouraged. The post holder will report to the Head of Department for research and to the Director of International Teaching Partnerships (China) in the College of Life Sciences for teaching activities. The appointee will also be affiliated to the School of Biological Sciences.

## Main Duties and Responsibilities













#### **World Changing Research**

- Develop a portfolio of internationally recognised publications that are world-leading in terms of
  originality, significance and rigour as appropriate to the field or discipline and with impact on
  society, economy, culture, government, policy or practice
- Engage in research and enterprise leadership, contributing to promoting and embedding an inclusive and respectful university research culture
- Attract external funding on an individual or collaborative basis, as appropriate to the field or discipline
- Provide high quality PGR/PhD/MD supervision and contribute to attracting and securing funding for postgraduate and early career researchers
- Develop networks and foster regional and national collaborations with external contacts in academia, professions and/or industry

#### **Research Inspired Education**

- Undertake research-led teaching on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses
- Provide timely formative student feedback and assessment for coursework and examinations
- Cooperate with colleagues in the review and development of programme content at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level, ensuring it is inclusive, embeds key skills and incorporates sustainable development goals
- Engage with scholarship and pedagogical research to continually develop own teaching practice and ensure the application of flexible, innovative and appropriate teaching methods in line with the University strategy and the latest educational ideas
- Provide a comprehensive support network for students, including personal tutor support, open days and enterprise, employability and outreach activities, ensuring School admissions processes are effective
- Work with students to provide world class teaching and learning opportunities and an excellent student experience, regularly collecting and responding to student feedback

#### **Our Citizens**

- Contribute to initiatives and activities that have a beneficial impact outside the University and make a demonstrable contribution to society
- Engage in enterprise and public engagement activities which increase the external profile of the discipline and share the benefits of Higher Education and research
- Actively engage with the academic discipline both nationally and internationally and represent the School and University through undertaking roles on external committees, reviews and panels
- Participate and provide leadership in School, College or University roles, contributing to management and administration processes and committee structures













• Be involved in the recruitment, management and development of staff and act as a mentor and coach to colleagues

### **Internal and External Relationships**

Develop mutually beneficial, effective relationships across the Department and with local partners, that support and deliver the University strategy,

Represent the University at meetings and committees regionally and nationally.

Work collaboratively with other members of the module delivery team and participate in teaching team meetings.

Coordination with central University offices.

## **Planning and Organising**

Shape the strategic direction in the research area, developing clear long term (many months/years) plans for sustaining and enhancing the research programme.

Long term planning and organisation of the delivery of teaching and assessment.

Participate in the departmental operational planning process, supporting the strategic direction of the School and College.

## **Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience**

### **Essential**

- Completed PhD in a relevant subject area\*
- Expertise in translational cancer research, genomics and/or bioinformatics that complements or enhances existing strengths within the Department\*
- Outputs that are internationally recognised and of a quality that is aspiring to be world-leading
  in terms of originality, significance and rigour in time for the next REF cycle\*
- Clear forward plans for sustaining and enhancing the research programme\*
- A track record of meeting the discipline benchmark for external funding through grant capture, consultancy arrangements and/or knowledge exchange projects\*
- Experience of teaching at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level\*
- A demonstrable contribution to the administration of an academic Department/discipline
- Evidence of external recognition of teaching practice through peer review, student, external examiners or external assessors feedback
- Involvement in relevant internal and external committees and groups
- Fellowship of the HEA or equivalent accredited teaching qualification, or commitment to gain an accredited teaching qualification on appointment within a set timescale\*

#### Desirable

- Successful completion of CPD
- Experience of positive outcomes from incorporating research or professional skills to improve the curriculum













• Evidence of contributions to initiatives that have a positive impact on recruitment and student outcomes at module and programme level

### **Skills, Abilities and Competencies**

#### **Essential**

- High level of proficiency in English, sufficient to undertake research, teaching and administrative
  activities and to communicate effectively with staff and students\*
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent interpersonal skills, to develop networks and form collaborations\*
- Effective presentation skills\*
- Ability to develop resource material to enhance teaching quality
- Ability to deliver classes using a comprehensive range of delivery methods, including lectures, seminars and tutoring
- Skills in coaching, mentoring and developing others, including students, early career researchers and colleagues
- Skills in pastoral care and motivation of students
- A commitment to the delivery of a high quality service to students
- · Ability to prioritise tasks within agreed work schedules
- Ability to plan, organise, implement and deliver programmes of work
- An understanding of and strong commitment to equity and an awareness of diverse community issues

## Desirable

- Ability to teach classes using distance learning
- Ability to provide support to students via Blackboard

## \*Criteria to be used in shortlisting candidates for interview

### **Criminal Declaration**

If you become an employee, you must inform your manager immediately, in writing, if you are the subject of any current or future police investigations/legal proceedings, which could result in a criminal offence, conviction, caution, bind-over or charges, or warnings.

## Supporting University Activities

As a University of Leicester citizen, you are expected to support key university activities such as clearing, graduation ceremonies, student registration and recruitment open days. We expect all staff as citizens to work flexibly across the University if required.

## **University Values**













**Inclusive** - We are diverse in our makeup and united in ambition. Our diversity is our strength and makes our community stronger.

**Inspiring** - We are passionate about inspiring individuals to succeed and realise their ambitions. We challenge our community to think differently, to get involved, and to constantly embrace new ideas.

**Impactful** - As Citizens of Change we will generate new ideas which deliver impact and empower our community

## **Equity and Diversity**

We believe that equity, diversity and inclusion is integral to a successful modern workplace. By developing and implementing policies and systems that challenge stereotypes across all aspects of our work, we have a culture that recognises and values the diverse contributions of our staff which benefits everyone. Our strong values of inclusivity and equity support our efforts to attract a diverse range of high quality staff and students, and identify our University as a progressive and innovative workplace that mainstreams equity, diversity and inclusion.









