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PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT
FACULTY OF MEDICAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Lecturer in Developmental Psychology

- 1 The University invites applications for the above post.
- 2 Salary will be £32,901 - £45,486 per annum according to relevant experience.
- 3 Informal inquiries may be made to Dr Daniela Montaldi, email: Daniela.montaldi@manchester.ac.uk or telephone: 0161 275 7335
- 4 Applications should be made on line. If you are unable to apply on line please request an application form by emailing hrrecruitment@manchester.ac.uk quoting the reference number or by calling 0161 275 8835 (HR team recruitment line number).
- 5 The University of Manchester values a diverse workforce and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

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Further particulars

Background

The newly formed LDDRG (Language Development and Disorders Research Group) provides a number of significant opportunities for linking research on typical and non-typical communicative development to aspects of social cognition. Members of the LDDRG group are internationally recognised for their research in the following areas: the relationship between parental language and children's language development; the determinants of linguistic and pragmatic development in children; research with children who have various communicative disorders. There is also potential for developing research linking with the Parenting and Family Research team on parenting and children's psychological adjustment. Members of the group also have close links with the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig which is a world leader in research on early social cognition and communicative development.

Teaching:

SPS is putting on a completely revised UG programme beginning in September 2012. The new programme is being organised around themed teaching areas reflecting our research strengths but also fitting the core requirements of the BPS for its recognition of UG Psychology degrees. We are looking for someone with expertise in early social development (but with the ability also to contribute to teaching on Evolutionary Psychology) to join the team providing undergraduate teaching in the Evolution and Development theme.

Job Specification

Research

- Develop an active research programme leading to an international reputation.
- Publish research regularly in high-impact, international level journals.
- Develop and submit strong grant applications able to attract significant amounts of funding.
- Supervise Ph.D. students.
- Develop collaborations within the Research Group, the School and throughout the University

Teaching

- Undertaking the teaching and assessment of developmental and evolutionary psychology at undergraduate level on the Psychology BSc degree.
- Teaching and assessment of students on any appropriate taught Masters program.
- Providing pastoral care to students via the academic advisory system.
- Supervising undergraduate and Masters level projects.
- Cooperating with colleagues in the review and development of the curriculum.
- Contributing to the quality and governance of the undergraduate and any appropriate Masters program.

Administration

Administrative responsibilities as allocated by the Head of Division and Head of School, taking into account the individual's workload in other areas and the need to gain this type of experience for the purposes of promotion. Typical duties are likely to include:

- Dealing with administration in relation to the running of the University and School including aspects of postgraduate or undergraduate education.
- Liaison with the relevant Programme Director to ensure quality and consistency of curriculum development and delivery.
- Attendance at Division and School meetings and participation in other committees and working groups within the School, the Faculty and the University to which appointed or elected.
- Undertaking such other duties as may be required.

Person Specification

Essential knowledge, skills and experience

- A PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline
- Clear evidence of an emerging track record of high quality research in developmental psychology.
- An emerging track record of peer-reviewed, high impact publications.
- The potential to attract external funding, particularly in the form of Research Council grants
- Experience teaching on an undergraduate Psychology programme
- Excellent communication and organisational skills.
- The ability to show initiative and to work independently as well as part of a team.
- The ability to lecture and to supervise students, to a high level.
- Attention to detail

Desirable knowledge, skills and experience

- Experience of supervising student projects
- Experience of collaborative research