



Job Description

General Details

Job title:	Senior Lecturer in Sport Biomechanics (HS12/40)
Faculty/School/Service:	Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Psychology, Sport and Exercise
Normal Workbase:	Stoke campus
Tenure:	Permanent
Hours/FTE:	Full time, working 37 hours per week/1.0fte
Grade/Salary:	Grade 8 currently £37,382 - £44,607 per annum
Date Prepared:	January 2013

Job Purpose

To work as a Senior Lecturer within the Faculty of Health Sciences to teach and assess on sport, rehabilitation and biomechanics related awards across the Faculty and to support inter and intra university collaborative research. This post will have a special focus on UG and PG modules within the Sports and Exercise curriculum. The post holder will also be expected to work flexibly and to contribute towards the general range of subjects and activities such as Research Methods. The post holder is expected to take on some responsibility in leading modules, to the management of awards, undertaking enterprise activity and research. This post reflects the development of programmes within the area of biomechanics and related research.

Relationships

Reporting to:	Professor of Clinical Biomechanics
Responsible for:	None applicable

Main Activities

General Duties and Responsibilities of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers:

- To teach and examine students in the areas of knowledge
- To devise and deliver courses of study as determined by course committees and Line Manager
- To provide various forms of consultancy and other services to external clients
- To maintain and develop areas of expertise including participation in practice activity under the general guidance of the Line Manager.
- To contribute to the maintenance of good working relationships with partner agencies through liaison and participation in service planning and other working groups.
- To participate with other academic and practice staff in the development of alternative teaching and learning strategies.
- To exercise a high standard of scholarship, to conduct research and evaluation both personally, and as a member of a team.

- To disseminate the results of scholarship and research through publication and participation in relevant conferences.
- To assist with the induction of new members of staff
- To discharge reasonable responsibilities with regards to the supervision of staff, and the operational management of courses including course leadership, at the discretion of the Line Manager/ Head of School
- Participate in University wide activities as required through membership of committees, working groups and other reasonable activities

Specific responsibilities will include:-

- To lead the delivery of biomechanics and kinesiology modules within the UG sports science curriculum.
- Assist with the design, delivery and marketing of current and new PG educational and CPD training programmes related to clinical biomechanics.
- Liaise with and establish networks with key external stakeholders in developing appropriate educational and training programmes in clinical and sports biomechanics.
- Keep up-to-date with developments and changes in professional training related to sports and clinical human performance.
- Help supervise Undergraduate and Postgraduate dissertation students where appropriate.
- Help attract external income generated by teaching, training, research and enterprise activity.
- Support the School partnership provision.

Specific Requirements

Where appropriate, the post is subject to the individual maintaining registration with the relevant professional body and to compliance with appropriate codes of professional practice. You are expected to maintain standards of behaviour and appearance compatible with the execution of clinical work, the expectations of Health/Social Service employers and the general public.

Special Conditions

This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such, appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of an enhanced check of criminal records via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (formerly Criminal Records Bureau). This will include details of cautions, reprimands or final warnings, as well as convictions.

The successful candidate will be required to travel to other University and placement sites in a cost effective manner, this may be through access to a car.

External Activities

External activities which enhance the work of the post holder are encouraged within the overall provisions of the exclusivity of the service arrangements to which the post holder is subject. Additionally, the Institution encourages employees to take a cross University role e.g. through membership of Committees and Working Parties.

New Lecturer Development Policy

The University is keen to support staff in achieving high standards of pedagogy in order to facilitate effective student learning. All newly appointed full-time and fractional contracted members of academic staff who have less than three years teaching experience and do not have the equivalent qualification from another University, are required to undertake and complete the Post Graduate Certificate in Higher and Professional Education

(PgCHPE)/Post Graduate Diploma in Professional Education in Healthcare (PgDPEH) or 5-day survival guide to Teaching in Higher Education as a condition of his/her employment with Staffordshire University, in accordance with the policy. If you are shortlisted this will be explained further by the chair of the interview panel. Positive engagement in CPD in order to attain a high standard of pedagogy will be one of the factors considered during probation, at annual appraisals and when promotions are being made. Active involvement in the Post Graduate Certificate in Higher and Professional Education would be one source of evidence.

Research and Scholarly Activity

The duties of lecturing posts include participation in appropriate research and scholarly activity indicated in the Research Policy of the University. The extent of involvement in research and scholarly activity may vary with the balance between teaching, administration and research appropriate to particular posts. This will be determined by your Dean of Faculty in consultation with you, and will be reviewed regularly through the staff appraisal system. While it is in the nature of research and scholarly activity that it will often take place throughout the year and be integrated into the overall pattern of activities, it is envisaged that the periods of the year outside normal teaching weeks and the holiday entitlement will primarily be devoted to research and scholarly activity.

Variation to Job Description

Staffordshire University reserves the right to vary the duties and responsibilities of its employees within the general conditions of the Scheme of pay and conditions and employment related matters. Thus it must be appreciated that the duties and responsibilities outlined above may be altered as the changing needs of the service may require.

Conditions of Service

The post is subject to such terms and conditions of employment as negotiated between the Board of Governors of the University and the recognised trade unions, and/or the employees of the University. In negotiating such terms and conditions the Board of Governors will consider any appropriate advice received from the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA).

Informal Discussion

Should you wish to discuss this vacancy informally before making an application please contact:

Trevor Barter, Academic Group Leader, (E): T.J.Barter@staffs.ac.uk

Application Procedure

We encourage you to apply on-line at our website <http://jobs.staffs.ac.uk> as the system is user friendly and simple to complete.

Please note that the University will not consider a Curriculum Vitae attached in support of your application and will not use this document in the shortlisting process. Consequently, we would ask all applicants to ensure that they have provided comprehensive information under each criteria in the Supporting Statements section of the application form and, if necessary, add any relevant additional information in the Additional Information Section.

The closing date is midnight on 2 June 2013

For information, interviews will be held on 21 June 2013

Guidance for Disclosure Applicants

Please note that, if you are offered this position, the appointment procedure requires you to apply for either a Standard or Enhanced level of Disclosure with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) (formerly CRB) as detailed in the enclosed job description.

Standard Disclosures are primarily for posts that involve working with children or vulnerable adults or is of such a kind where the postholder will have access to these groups in the course of their normal duties.

Enhanced Disclosures are for posts that involve a far greater degree of contact with children or vulnerable adults. In general the type of work will involve regularly caring for, supervising, training or being in sole charge of such people.

A Disclosure is a document containing information held by the police and government departments. It can be used by employers to make safer recruitment decisions and is provided by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), an executive agency of the Home Office. Disclosures will provide details of a person's criminal record including cautions, convictions, reprimands and warnings held on the Police National Computer (PNC). Depending on the level of Disclosure it might also contain information held by government departments and local police forces.

In applying for a Disclosure you will be provided with the relevant form and guidance notes supplied by DBS. You must carefully complete and return the form and send it to Personnel Services together with various **original** documents confirming your identity (full details will be provided at the time).

Your completed Disclosure application form will be countersigned and forwarded to the DBS by Personnel Services.

The DBS will then undertake the necessary checks with the Police and other relevant authorities.

After all checks have been carried out, the DBS will send a Disclosure to both you and the counter signatory at the University, which will list any details obtained from those checks (except in the case of Additional Information which is released to the University only, by the Chief of Police). In the event of the DBS check highlighting information held on any of the databases accessed, a member of Personnel Services may contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss the details in order to make an informed decision as to whether or not this affects the offer of appointment. The final decision as to whether your appointment can proceed will be made by the Director of Human Resources.

Policy Statement on the Recruitment and Employment of Ex-Offenders

Background

The first priority of Staffordshire University is the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults in our care, who use the services of the University or come into contact with members of the University. We intend to achieve this by exercising rigour and vigilance in employment-making; criminal record Disclosures are central to this.

Recipients of criminal record Disclosures must duly comply with the DBS code of practice as well as the University's policies and procedures. Disclosure information will be treated as sensitive personal data; recipients will follow the University's data protection and criminal record checking procedure when handling Disclosure information. The University will treat all applicants fairly judging peoples' criminal records on merit, in accordance with the law and in relation to the responsibilities of the post in question. The University will not subject anyone who discloses a criminal record to unfair treatment on the basis of convictions subject to relevant legislation and reasonable judgement.

Policy Statement

§ As an organisation using the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure service to assess applicants' suitability for positions of trust, Staffordshire University complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. It undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a Disclosure on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.

- § Staffordshire University is committed to the fair treatment of its staff, potential staff or users of its services, regardless of gender, race, nationality, religion or belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or trade union activity or offending background.
- § We have a written policy on the employment of ex-offenders which is available on the University's website.
- § We actively promote equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records. We select all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience.
- § A Disclosure is only requested after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a Disclosure is required, all job advertisements and job descriptions will contain a statement that a disclosure will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position.
- § Where a Disclosure is to form part of the recruitment process, we encourage all applicants called for interview to provide details of their criminal record at an early stage in the application process. We request that this information is sent under separate, confidential cover, to Personnel Services at Staffordshire University, and we guarantee that this information will only be seen by those who need to see it as part of the recruitment process.
- § Unless the nature of the position allows Staffordshire University to ask questions about your entire criminal record, we only ask about 'unspent' convictions as defined in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- § We ensure that those at Staffordshire University who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitable trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of the offences. We also ensure that they have received appropriate training and guidance in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders, e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- § At interview, or in a separate discussion, we ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to a withdrawal of an offer of employment.
- § We make every subject of a DBS Disclosure aware of the existence of the DBS Code of Practice and make a copy available on request.
- § We undertake to discuss any matter revealed in a Disclosure with the person seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of your offences.