# Job Description – Senior Lecturer in Creative Industries (Film & Media)

**About the Role**

This is an exciting opportunity to join The Open University as a **Senior Lecturer in Creative Industries (Film & Media)** in our new School of Creative Industries. We are looking for a dedicated individual to join a team developing innovative online learning resources in the Creative Industries and, specifically, for our new BA (Hons) Film & Media qualification. The role will involve leadership and may include line management responsibilities within the School.

You must be enthusiastic about our unique mission, and about working in teams to develop a new curriculum which embraces the opportunities of distance learning. We welcome applications from those with teaching, research and industry experience who can demonstrate an understanding of the academic and vocational needs of students looking to study and work within creative industries and, specifically, in the film and media sectors.

In addition to contributing to module design and teaching within Film and Media, you will be encouraged and supported to develop research and impact activities within the area. While it is expected that you will use your research expertise to expand our current curriculum, you must also have the potential and willingness to teach and contribute to modules outside any specialism.

You can live anywhere in the United Kingdom, but the role is based contractually at the Open University’s Milton Keynes campus and involves attendance there at academic community and module team meetings, for which travel, and subsistence are not provided.

**Key responsibilities**

Teaching

* provide leadership in and contribute to the development and delivery of high-quality curriculum in Film and Media at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
* provide leadership in and contribute to the development of engaging and accessible online module content in Film and Media.
* support student learning activity by contributing to the preparation of assessment materials and participation in Quality Assurance and examination processes.
* contribute to the presentation of Open University modules, which may include: chairing module teams; briefing and training of tutoring staff; engaging with teaching, assessment and marking.

Industry experience and Research

* enhance the School and Faculty research and scholarship profile through the ongoing development of a quality research and impact portfolio.
* draw upon professional experience to develop teaching methods and materials with a vocational focus in media and/or film.
* enhance the School’s links with industry to enable collaborations and knowledge exchange.
* generate grant or external funding income, where appropriate, to support your research.
* attract and supervise postgraduate research students.

Administration, Management and other duties

* engage with appropriate academic leadership and administrative tasks, and play an active role in the School, Faculty and wider University, as required by the Head of School. This may include line-management responsibilities and as well as specific leadership roles.
* act as an ambassador, both internally and externally, for the academic excellence of the School, Faculty and University.
* ensure compliance with Statutory Requirements, Codes of Practice, University Policies and Health and Safety arrangements.

**Person Specification**

***Essential***

* a PhD in Film or Media or a related subject.
* experience of developing and delivering (teaching) film and/or media curriculum in an HE setting.
* a track-record of leadership roles and line-management responsibilities within HE, appropriate to career stage.
* experience of film or media industry practice and digital content creation in a professional/industry context, with a track record of outputs that evidences this work.
* an industry-focused professional network which can be mobilised to develop collaborations, enhance curriculum design and support research and knowledge exchange.
* a successful research profile, with a track record of publication or equivalent practice-based work in Film or Media.
* evidence of being able to work collaboratively, within an organisation and with external bodies.
* evidence of excellent communication and organisational skills, including the ability to work to deadlines.
* commitment to the aims, ethos and values of the Open University including the principles and practice of equality and diversity.

***Desirable***

* evidence of working with, and producing, innovative distance learning materials that demonstrate practical and vocational skills.
* professional experience of working in Film and Media production.
* evidence of receiving research funding commensurate with career pathway and stage.
* an FE/HE teaching qualification or Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.
* an interdisciplinary approach in teaching, with a willingness to think across genre/subject boundaries.

**About the Unit**

**The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)**

FASS is the largest and most diverse faculty at The Open University, with some 50,000 students studying our modules with excellent completion rates and consistently outstanding student satisfaction ratings. Noted for the strength of our interdisciplinary approaches, our researchers and scholars of international standing teach and research a very wide range of topics and themes in specific subject areas, recognised as world class or internationally excellent in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2021, and having a direct and profound influence on our undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.

FASS is organised into four schools:

* School of Arts and Humanities
* School of Creative Industries
* School of Psychology & Counselling
* School of Social Sciences and Global Studies

Students are supported by Student Support Teams. These teams offer specialist study support to students undertaking our qualifications across the University. Members of academic staff, including academics based in all four nations of the UK, form part of these teams in sustaining and improving student progression and retention.

The Faculty works closely with major and influential organisations and institutions in the UK (most notably the BBC) and other parts of the world in a range of validated partnerships and collaborations, and is engaged in world-class, agenda-setting research tackling the most difficult challenges facing us in the 21st Century, with work in numerous subject-based and interdisciplinary research groups and projects.

With around 1800 members of staff comprising academics, associate lecturers, support staff and full-time research students working across the locations of the University, and combining originality and innovation in research and curriculum, FASS is a vibrant and exciting place to study and work.

To find out more about the Faculty’s teaching, learning and research, please visit: <http://fass.open.ac.uk/>

**Further Information**

If you have questions in relation to this role, please contact careers@open.ac.uk .

*The Open University is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion which is reflected in our mission to be open to people, places, methods and ideas. We aim to foster a diverse and inclusive environment so that all in our OU community can reach their potential.  We recognise that different people bring different perspectives, ideas, knowledge, and culture, and that this difference brings great strength.  We strive to recruit, retain and develop the careers of a diverse pool of students and staff, and particularly encourage applications from all underrepresented groups. We also aspire to make The Open University a supportive workplace for all through our policies, services and staff networks.*

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