

Lecturer in English (*universitetslärare*, i.e. ‘university teacher’): job description

The Arts Faculty of Åbo Akademi University wishes to appoint a lecturer in English at university level (*universitetslärare*, i.e. ‘university teacher’), with a specialization in literature, for the period 1.8.2012 – 31.7.2015. The salary will be at level 5 on the scale for teaching and research staff (see the salary table at: <https://www.abo.fi/personal/lonetabeller>).

Applicants will be expected to have completed a PhD in English literature, and provide evidence of teaching experience and ability.

The appointee will have English as mother tongue. For applicants from outside Finland, knowledge of Swedish or Finnish is not required, as the language of instruction in the department is English.

The post involves the following main tasks:

1. Teaching

Planning, teaching and examining courses at BA and MA levels in English-language literature, in particular the Literature components of the 1st and 2nd year core modules Contemporary Englishes and Historical Survey, and at times also anglophone ‘realia’ (area studies / history / society / culture) in the Society components of these modules; contributing to the development of proficiency skills; preparation of course materials; provision of support and guidance for students and of detailed feedback on their work.

Teaching for each core module takes the form of one lecture and one tutorial (x 3 groups) – i.e. a total of 4 hours – per week over four teaching periods of seven weeks. In these modules, the appointee will collaborate closely with colleagues teaching the Language and Society components. Other courses normally consist of a two-hour seminar per week over one seven-week period.

2. Supervision

Supervision and examination of BA and MA theses on literary topics; participation in departmental research seminars, and provision of guidance to research students where appropriate.

3. Administration

Administrative tasks as specified by the Head of Department. These may include: provision of guidance to students as a ‘teacher-tutor’; full participation in the Department’s entrance exam; responsibility for English department students’ language practice, exchange programmes with overseas universities, and incoming exchange students; participation in departmental meetings.

4. Research

The appointee will be encouraged to undertake his/her own research, and will be eligible to apply for funding for conference participation and research-related travel.

Further information may be obtained from Professor Tuija Virtanen-Ulfhielm, tuvirtan@abo.fi, tel. +358 2 215 4726

Application procedure

Applicants are requested to enclose the following documents:

- 1) a full curriculum vitae, including names and contact details of two referees;
- 2) copy of the PhD certificate.

All submitted documents should be certified as authentic by two persons who know the applicant in a professional capacity.

Applications addressed to the Faculty of Arts should be sent, with enclosures, to the following address: Åbo Akademis kansli, Domkyrkotorget 3, FIN-20500 Åbo, Finland. Electronic applications should be sent to: registrator@abo.fi Please indicate on the envelope / in the subject line “Universitetslärare i engelska med litterär inriktning”

The closing date for applications is June 8, 2012, at 15:00 Finnish time.

The official Swedish-language advertisement can be found at: <https://www.abo.fi/personal/rekrytering>