

JD for Educational Developer (Learning and Teaching)

Applications are invited for Lecturer/associate professor in the multidisciplinary topic of Educational Development within the Educational Development Unit, one of the key academic units in the Institute of Leadership and Education Advanced Development (ILEAD) at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU). XJTLU is a joint venture university established in 2006 by the University of Liverpool, UK and Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, situated within the city of Suzhou.

Role Overview

A key responsibility of this post is to support delivery of the institutional academic development programmes, primarily the PGCert in Teaching and Supporting Learning in Higher Education (commencing 2018-19), as well as other CPD initiatives.

Responsibilities include:

- Support the implementation, across the institution, of the University's vision for Learning and Teaching.
- Delivery of modules on the CPS programme.
- Delivery of modules on the PGCert programme from the start of the academic year 2018-19 onwards.
- Support the development of an institutional academic development framework and ready relevant documentation for approval by the respective committees at XJTLU and the University of Liverpool, as well as accreditation by the Higher Education Academy (HEA).
- Provide expert and specialist advice and guidance to academic staff in developing excellence in teaching with a primary view of enhancing the student learning experience at XJTLU.
- Develop collaborative networks to identify and disseminate good practices in teaching and learning and evaluates their effectiveness.
- Recommend, lead and facilitate the effective sharing of good practices in assessments and other student evaluation.
- Act as a consultant/coach to academic staff seeking to enhance the quality of their teaching.
- Maintain and develop resources, including websites and other tools that facilitate national and international good practice in learning and teaching.
- Work closely with staff in other professional services to promote the use of appropriate technologies, facilities and methods in learning and teaching.
- Work collaboratively with the ILEAD, to contribute to achieving the strategic ambitions of the University in relation to academic enhancement and excellence in learning, teaching and research, and to contribute to achieving the ILEAD's ongoing operational objectives.
- Keep up-to-date with changes and developments in related policies and procedures.
- Reflect on your own professional practice and keep abreast of current developments in learning and teaching through engagement with the wider community via subject associations, attendance and presentations at conferences, colloquiums and personal development days.

- Willing to engage in personal development and training and change the focus of the role, where appropriate, to meet the changing needs of the University.
- Engage with relevant committees, working groups and forums to raise awareness of pedagogic principles, share examples of best practice and highlight developments in the field.
- Carry out any other duties as required, commensurate with the role position.

Key Qualifications:

- PhD degree in educational development or related area
- Experience in educational development in higher educational institutions

The salary range for the position is 21,611 – 39,867 RMB/month. In addition, members of academic staff are entitled to accommodation and travel allowances, medical insurance, and relocation expenses. Overseas staff may receive a tax “holiday” of up to three years, depending on nationality and personal circumstances.

Applications should be received by 1st February 2019. Informal inquiries should be addressed to the Head of ILEAD Dr. Xiaojun Zhang (xiaojun.zhang@xjtlu.edu.cn) or Charlie Reis, Programme Director of the PGCert (charlie.reis@xjtlu.edu.cn).

All applicants should apply using the HR online application system. Please click the ‘Apply’ button below and register a user account. After registration, you will be asked to upload your CV, submit a covering letter (in English) outlining your interest in the position, and complete the online Basic Information, Referees and Equal Opportunities forms

University and Department Overview

The Educational Development Unit is one of the key academic units within ILEAD. The unit is responsible for the educational and professional development for XJTLU academic staff by running the Certificate of Professional Studies in learning and teaching, which is accredited by Higher Education Academy in UK. The unit also includes an educational technology team that support the overall educational technological development as well as the use of technology of staff in learning and teaching activities.

ILEAD is a unique and leading center for education innovation, development, and education of educators (degree programmes) in education globally. Its key customers include XJTLU students, XJTLU staff, as well as local, regional, national and international educational practitioners and institutions. The main business of ILEAD includes:

- Pedagogical programmes (Postgraduate Taught and PhD degree programmes);
- Support for XJTLU student learning;
- Educational and professional development for XJTLU staff;
- Global community for education innovation;
- Training and development initiatives for external educators and professionals in education sector;
- Research on future university (internationalization, learning and teaching, educational leadership, educational management).

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) is a unique collaborative institution, the first, and currently the only, university in China to offer both UK (University of Liverpool) and Chinese (Ministry of Education) accredited undergraduate degrees. Formed in 2006, the first cohort of students graduated in August 2010. XJTLU aims to become truly research-led, and has committed significant investment into research development and the expansion of Ph.D. student numbers on campus. The university now has in excess of 11,000 students studying on campus. The language of instruction is English.

XJTLU itself is located in the Higher Education Town of Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), well-connected via nearby airports to cities such as Hong Kong, Seoul, Tokyo, and Taipei, and via high-speed rail to other major cities in China. SIP is a major growth zone, including operations run by nearly one-fifth of the Fortune 500 top global companies. Greater Suzhou is now the fourth largest concentration of economic activity in China in terms of GDP (\$215 billion in 2014). The broader Suzhou area encompasses the spirit of both old and new in China, with the historic old town's canals, UNESCO World Heritage Site gardens, and the I.M Pei-designed Suzhou Museum attracting millions of tourists annually. SIP offers an excellent quality of life, with high environmental standards. The nearby Jinji Lake provides a range of recreational and entertainment amenities, and within SIP and Suzhou itself, there are a variety of shopping facilities, international and local restaurants, entertainment hubs and a great nightlife. Suzhou is also home to four international schools and a range of international-standard healthcare facilities