Pre-sessional English Language Tutor

Professional Services, English Language Teaching Centre
Overview

As a result of the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak we will teach our Summer 2021 Pre-sessional English courses as a blended delivery (mixture of face-to-face on-campus and online provision). However, we reserve the right to change all provision to online delivery if necessary.

The posts are based in Sheffield for these summer programmes; a free accommodation package is available for recruits from outside the area.

You will join one of the biggest and best run pre-sessional courses in the UK - our main pre-sessional programmes were commended by BALEAP for their excellent organisation and tutor support.

You will prepare and deliver a range of classes for our Pre-Sessional International Summer School students going on to take a degree course at the University. Teaching will be blended and details can be found here https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/presessional. Duties include undertaking administrative tasks and language assessment, providing feedback to students and contributing to other activities as required within the ELTC.

The online provision of the pre-sessional courses will be taught using Blackboard Collaborate and/or Google Classroom.

To access the lessons & course content you will need:
- a modern laptop or desktop computer in good working order
- a headset (strongly recommended) or headphones and a microphone
- a webcam
- a fast internet connection (10 Mbps minimum); wired internet connection (strongly recommended)

Person Specification

You should provide evidence in your application that you meet the following criteria. We will use a range of selection methods to measure your abilities in these areas including reviewing your online application, seeking references, inviting shortlisted candidates to interview and other forms of assessment action relevant to the post.

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<td>10. Confident and professional manner</td>
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11. Higher degree in relevant subject  
12. Experience of teaching English for Academic Purposes (EAP)  
13. Experience of teaching online and/or blended programmes  
14. Teaching experience within a Higher Education environment  
15. Experience in Exams Preparation (Cambridge ESOL and IELTS)

**About the Team**

The English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) is a section of the Academic Services Department and is responsible for the provision of language courses and language support to international students. The ELTC delivers a range of language courses to students who are preparing for university study and English courses for personal/professional development. These courses include teaching at the University’s International College (an affiliate of the University of Sheffield).

The summer programmes are the largest part of ELTC’s annual operations and a large team is available to support and guide our temporary teachers.

ELTC is accredited by the British Council and its pre-sessional programmes are BALEAP accredited.

**Job Description**

You will prepare and deliver a range of online classes for our Pre-Sessional International Summer School students going on to take a degree course at the University. Teaching takes place in a variety of locations around the University campus. Duties include undertaking administrative tasks and language assessment, providing feedback to students and contributing to other activities as required within the ELTC.

Work at the ELTC involves a commitment to working during the University vacations and may include some evening work. During the Summer School teaching is normally scheduled between 09:00 and 18:00 and generally involves up to 15 contact hours per week.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- Teaching Academic English on the Pre-sessional English programmes
- Planning and preparing lessons, tutorials and appropriate materials
- Correcting and marking students’ written work promptly
- Providing feedback to students
- Assisting in assessing students and marking assignments
- Attending assessment standardisation sessions
- Completing all teaching and support related documentation, such as reports, promptly and accurately
- Attending course meetings on a regular basis
- Preparing lessons based on the course book and syllabuses provided
- Preparing supplementary materials for classes, as required, from the extensive resources available in the ELTC
- Liaising with other teachers concerning shared groups of students
- Consulting with the course leaders as needed
- As a member of our Professional staff you will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to the professional behaviours set out in the Sheffield Professional Framework. Please follow this link for further information: Sheffield Professional Framework.
- Any other duties, commensurate with the grade of the post.
Reward Package

Terms and conditions of employment: Will be those for Grade 7 staff.
Salary for this grade: £31,866- £35,845 per annum

Your position on the scale will depend on your qualifications and experience.

Posts are fixed-term and full time:

**Blended Pre-sessional (face-to face on campus + online)**
- 21 June 2021 for 11 weeks (1 week induction plus 10 weeks teaching) or
- 19 July 2021 for 7 weeks (1 week induction plus 6 weeks teaching)

**Online Pre-sessional**
- 21 June 2021 for 7 weeks (1 week induction plus 6 weeks teaching)

**Blended Preparatory English (face-to face on campus + online)**
- 21 June 2021 for 10 weeks (1 week induction plus 9 weeks teaching)

As we need our teachers throughout the programme, holidays are paid at the end of the contract.

There is a possibility that some staff will be needed for earlier start dates (from March 2021) for teaching on our Pathway provision and/or for a week of assessment at the end of the teaching period. Please indicate your earliest and latest availability in your application statement.

A free accommodation package is available with ensuite facilities within walking distance of the University campus. This is available to recruits who live more than 40 miles from the University.

**This post is full-time:**
This role has been identified as a full-time post, but we are committed to exploring flexible working opportunities with our staff which benefit both the individual and the University (See [www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/guidance/flexible/arrangements](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/guidance/flexible/arrangements)). Therefore, we would consider flexible delivery of the role subject to meeting the business needs of the post. If you wish to explore flexible working opportunities in relation to this post, we encourage you to call or email the departmental contact listed below.

If you join the University you will have access to a Total Reward Package that includes a competitive salary, a generous Pension Scheme and annual leave entitlement, as well as access to a range of learning and development courses to support your personal and professional development. You will have access to your own personalised portal where you can also access a comprehensive selection of benefits and offers to suit your changing lifestyle needs, for example financial wellbeing, travel options, shopping and cinema discounts.

To find out more visit [www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/thedeal](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/thedeal)

The University is committed to tackling the global climate emergency. Our sustainability strategy
forms an integral part of all we do. We strive to embed this in all areas of university life, from our students’ education, the globally impacting international research we contribute, to campus life.

We aim to empower staff to work sustainably by giving them the knowledge to make ethical decisions at work and home. Staff have the opportunity to be involved in impactful sustainability projects through the nationally recognised Green Impact scheme.

If you have an interest in this area, the university will strive to passionately support you in these commitments. Check out www.sheffield.ac.uk/sustainability for more information.

The University of Sheffield recognises the importance of creating a positive environment, whereby all staff feel able to talk openly and with trust about wellbeing and mental health.

Our Staff Wellbeing offer, encourages and supports staff to maintain their own positive health and wellbeing through a range of accessible, inclusive and supportive services and activities.

To find out more visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/wellbeing

Our leadership development has been designed to ensure that our leaders have the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed by the University.

To find out more visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/sld/lmdevelopment

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We are the only university to feature in the Sunday Times 100 Best Not-for-Profit organisations to work for 2018. In our staff survey (2018) 92% of staff said they were proud to work for the University and 83% of our staff would recommend the University as an excellent place to work. To find out more about what it’s like to work here visit remarkable.group.shef.ac.uk

**Selection – Next Steps**

**Closing date:** For details of the closing date please view this post on our web pages at www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs

Following the closing date, we will contact you by email to let you know whether or not you have been
shortlisted to participate in the next stage of the selection process. Please note that due to the large number of applications that we receive, it may take up to two working weeks following the closing date before the recruiting department will be able to contact you.

It is anticipated that interviewing will commence from the end of January and will continue until all posts are filled. Full details will be provided to invited candidates.

For more information on our application and recruitment processes visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs/info

Informal enquiries

For informal enquiries about this job and the recruiting department, contact: eltcteach@sheffield.ac.uk

For administration queries and details on the application process, contact the lead recruiter: Sara Narayan on s.l.narayan@sheffield.ac.uk or on 0114 222 1798.

For all online application system queries and support, visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs/applying

Criminal records check

Please note that due to the nature of this post, the appointee may be required to obtain a satisfactory Criminal Records Check (DBS).

To comply with British Council Accreditation requirements, however, the following will apply:

- references will be followed up
- all gaps in CVs must be explained satisfactorily
- proof of identity and qualifications will be required
- reference requests will ask specifically whether there is any reason that they should not be employed in situations where they have responsibility for, or substantial access to persons under 18

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