Research Fellow in Theological Ethics
School of Divinity, History and Philosophy

Closing date: 17 May 2019
Interview date: To be confirmed
Reference number: DHP079A
The University of Aberdeen looks to appoint a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Theological Ethics from 1 August 2019. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in the field of Theological Ethics by the time the appointment is taken up. The Fellowship encompasses three core activities: the successful candidate will (1) pursue advanced personal research in theology, (2) contribute to the teaching of undergraduate and master's level courses, as well as (3) provide sustained and active support of department research in the field.

The department offers a wide range of undergraduate courses, usually leading to the Master of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, or Bachelor of Theology degrees. It is also home to one of the largest bodies of postgraduate students in the University.
Main purpose of the role:
The main purpose of this role is to enhance the flourishing research culture in Divinity by undertaking advanced personal research in theological ethics, contributing to the teaching of undergraduate and master’s level courses and providing sustained and active support of department research in the field.

Key responsibilities:
Research Fellow in Theological Ethics
- **Undertake advanced personal research in the field of theological ethics**
- **Provide sustained and active support for departmental research in the field and contribute to enhancing the research environment within the School and to the forthcoming Research Exercise Framework.**
- **Contribute to the teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the field of theological ethics**
- **Some participation in general academic administration**

At a glance

**Salary:**
Grade 6 (£33,199 - £39,610 per annum)

**Hours of work:**
Full time

**Contract type:**
Substantive
**Candidate background**

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in the field Theological Ethics by the time the appointment is taken up.

Applicants should demonstrate a capacity for high-quality theological research and publication. They should possess a clear programme of future research and be willing to work collaboratively on academic endeavours. Prior experience of teaching in higher education and facility in relevant research languages would be desirable.

**Terms of appointment**

Salary will be at the appropriate point on the Grade 6 salary scale (£33,199 - £39,610 per annum) and negotiable with placement according to qualifications and experience.

Any appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and a 12 month probation period.

For further information on various staff benefits and policies please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here)

Should you require a visa to undertake paid employment in the UK you will be required to fulfil the minimum points criteria to be granted a Certificate of Sponsorship and Tier 2 visa. As appropriate, at the time an offer of appointment is made you will be asked to demonstrate that you fulfil the criteria in respect of financial maintenance and competency in English. Please do not hesitate to contact Heather Clark, HR Adviser on +44 (0)1224 273244 or email [h.m.clark@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:h.m.clark@abdn.ac.uk) for further information.
## Person specification

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### Work and Other relevant experience (including training)
e.g., Specialist knowledge, levels of experience, supervisory experience, research

- Demonstrated capacity for high-quality theological research and publication
- Possess a clear programme of future research and ability to make a positive REF contribution
- Ability to teach courses at SCQF levels 7-11, including general (or introductory) courses in the field of Christian theology.

### Personal qualities and abilities
e.g., initiative, leadership, ability to work on own or with others, communication skills

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a collegial team
- Ability to relate well to colleagues, build a rapport with students and impart enthusiasm for the subject
- Excellent IT skills
- Willingness and ability to undertake administrative and research support duties

### Other
e.g., special circumstances (if any) appropriate to the role such as unsocial hours, travelling, Gaelic language requirements etc.

- Willingness to travel if required.
The University

Founded in 1495, Aberdeen is Scotland’s third oldest University and the fifth oldest in the UK. Ranked within the world top 160 in the recent Times Higher Education Rankings 2019 and named Scottish University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019, Aberdeen is 'open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others', the ‘global University of the north’, and has been named Scottish University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019.

Aberdeen is a broad based, research intensive University, which puts students at the head of everything it does. It has significant academic strengths and potential across a wide variety of disciplines. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas across the entire research spectrum, Aberdeen has also been credited for its international reach and its commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies.

The University has over 14,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 130 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation and we nurture ambition with many opportunities for professional and personal development in an inclusive learning environment, which challenges, inspires and helps every individual to reach their full potential.

The University combines a distinguished heritage with a forward looking attitude. In the past few years, the University has encouraged creativity in its academic staff, broken new ground with an innovative curriculum, and developed state-of-the-art facilities including the new Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre. In looking to the future, the University seeks to enhance its reputation as one of the world’s leading Universities by moving forward with ever more ground breaking research; ensuring students have an intellectual and social experience second to none; and capitalising upon the dual role as one of the major institutions of the north and as a cornerstone of regional economic and cultural life.

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The city and the region

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

Aberdeen is world-renowned as the oil capital of Europe and the region is both the agricultural heartland of Scotland and a hub of the food and drink industry.

With the population approaching 230,000, Aberdeen is big enough to provide all the advantages of city life, yet compact enough to enjoy the more intimate atmosphere usually associated with small towns.

Aberdeenshire is one of Scotland’s most appealing regions. Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park are within easy access of the city, and there are a variety of towns and villages scattered along the coastline.

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire cater for a wide range of tastes in sporting and cultural activities.

To find out more about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire go to www.VisitScotland.com

How to apply

Online application forms are available at www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs

The closing date for receipt of applications is 17 May 2019

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact Professor Tom Greggs, Head of Divinity.
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t.greggs@abdn.ac.uk

Please do not send application forms or CVs to Professor Greggs

Please quote reference number DHP079A on all correspondence

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