

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER****PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT****FACULTY OF HUMANITIES****SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT****LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES (Two Positions Available)**

<b>Salary:</b>	Grade 6/7 (£36,914 to £51,034) per annum (depending on experience)
<b>Hours:</b>	Full Time
<b>Start Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April–1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020 (by negotiation) (Permanent)
<b>Location:</b>	Oxford Road, Manchester
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Dr Stephen Walker

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**BACKGROUND**

We are looking for applications from candidates who specialise in the architectural humanities and/or social sciences and can contribute to research-informed teaching that complements our existing clusters of activity. The two posts will both involve teaching at both undergraduate and taught postgraduate levels, supervising PhD students, as well as research and administrative roles as specified by the Head of Department. We are particularly keen to hear from candidates who can complement and develop the capacity of our existing research themes and expertise.

**Main responsibilities**

- Conducting research that is excellent by international standards.
- Producing publications of international quality.
- Contributing to the intellectual development and activities of the Architecture Department and Manchester Architecture Research Group (MARG) within the Manchester School of Architecture (MSA) and the Manchester Urban Institute (MUI).
- Developing research projects and securing appropriate external funding for them.
- Attracting and supervising top quality PhD students.
- Offering appropriate teaching in Manchester School of Architecture at postgraduate and undergraduate levels.
- Contributing to administration as called for by the Head of Architecture and the Head of School.

**Architecture at the University of Manchester**

The University of Manchester seeks to appoint two Lecturers in Architectural Studies. The post holders will be able to take advantage of the department's presence in a number of structures. As detailed below, we are partners in the Manchester School of Architecture; members of the School of Environment, Education and Development (SEED); and sit within the Faculty of Humanities. We have established links with a number of other disciplines, and collaborate on initiatives such as the Manchester Urban Institute. The University of Manchester is a member of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities, and is placed consistently highly in both national and international surveys of university education, ranking 33rd in the world and 6th nationally according to the Shanghai Ranking of World Universities in 2019. Architecture at MSA was ranked 9th globally by the QS World Rankings in 2019.

**Manchester School of Architecture (MSA)** [www.msa.ac.uk](http://www.msa.ac.uk)

The Manchester School of Architecture (MSA), established in 1996, is the result of an innovative collaboration between the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), drawing upon internationally recognised research and teaching expertise within both institutions and with the aim of creating a well-resourced, interdisciplinary centre of excellence in architectural research and education.

Manchester School of Architecture is a joint School, run by the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University. Our students enjoy the benefits of belonging fully to both institutions, and are taught by a team comprised of staff from the University of Manchester and MMU. We are particularly proud of our commitment to research-led teaching across the School.

<https://www.seed.manchester.ac.uk/architecture/study/courses/>

The MSA is one of the top architecture schools in the UK, ranked 6th in the Guardian University Guide 2019, and scoring particularly highly for the employability of our graduates and quality of staff. In the 2014 REF, 75% of our submission (joint with Planning and Environmental Management) was 3\* and 4\*, rating our research as either World Leading or Internationally Excellent. MSA is highly regarded by the architectural profession and our graduates are sought after.

Developing this approach, the architecture department at the University of Manchester is intrinsically inter-disciplinary and conceives architecture very broadly, encompassing, for example, areas in which SEED also has strong interests, such as cities, planning and development, social and environmental sustainability and justice, global urbanism, design and society, architecture and anthropology, political ecology, and socio-technical innovation.

Architecture also has research and teaching links to other Schools such as art history and archaeology within the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, popular culture within Social Sciences and with the Faculty of Art and Design at the neighbouring Manchester Metropolitan University (through the joint MSA). The opportunities for collaborative architectural research in the University are unparalleled and research bids in a variety of disciplines are strengthened by the involvement of strong architectural researchers.

**Manchester Architecture Research Group (MARG)** - <https://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/MARG/>  
Director of MARG: Professor Albena Yaneva

The successor to MARC, which launched in 2007, MARG is an interdisciplinary research group driven by the understanding of architecture as a social practice, and as a broad cultural, social, media and technical network that exceeds the work of single architects or buildings as objects. We also tackle processes of urbanisation at a variety of scales and times, from local and immediate to the global and long term.

We study architecture as contested practices that encompass disciplinary and professional concerns, but we also reach far beyond them in order to address the intersections between economy, society, politics, culture, media and environment. In some of our projects architecture is taken as a lens through which to study how challenges and opportunities of urbanisation at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are both embedded in longer historical processes and have long-term consequences for the future.

Our work is motivated by current developments and innovations in architecture to explore the complex processes and practices, formal and informal, within and through which the built environment is conceived, used, shared, contested, communicated, mediated, adapted, and changed. Since our inception, we have been at the forefront of developing and promoting interdisciplinary approaches to understanding architecture. Through our expertise in Actor-

Network-Theory, digital mapping, archival methods, oral history, discursive and institutional approaches, ethnographic and anthropological techniques, infrastructural transitions and systems thinking, we explore the social, economic, environmental and political conditions and consequences of architectural design and technology.

Our research projects are diverse, and vary greatly in theme and scope, ranging across buildings and cities, temporary and permanent, culture and education, historical and contemporary, Global North and Global South, with concern for social inclusivity, the user, the citizen, as well as the designer, the policy maker, and the media. Yet across this diversity, they share an emphasis on situated knowledge and the practices of design professionals and users, the contested practices of place and city-making, network dynamics, and the genealogies of current practices and processes.

MARG is uniquely positioned to produce research that is theoretically, historiographical, conceptually and methodologically innovative and empirically impactful. We are part of the School of Environment, Education and Development (SEED) at the University of Manchester, a world-class research environment consisting of nearly 200 staff who seek to understand how to make the world more socially just, economically inclusive, liveable and environmentally sustainable. At the same time, we partner with the Manchester Metropolitan University to create the Manchester School of Architecture, an innovative and engaged school of design that is consistently ranked as one among top ten schools of architecture globally.

**Further Details:**

<https://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/marg/>

**The School of Environment, Education and Development and Development**

This represents one of the most innovative academic structures of The University of Manchester. It forges an interdisciplinary partnership combining Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, the Manchester School of Architecture, the Manchester Institute of Education, and the Global Development Institute (GDI), thus uniting research into social and environmental dimensions of human activity. The School has nearly 200 academic and research staff (within a total staff complement of 270); over 1000 undergraduate and over 2000 postgraduate students, of whom around 330 are research students.

**Faculty of Humanities**

The Faculty of Humanities (<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/>) is made up of five Schools: Environment, Education and Development; Law; Social Sciences; Arts, Language and Cultures; and the Alliance Manchester Business School. With 36 discipline areas, a total income over £230m per annum, over 16,800 students, some 1290 academic and 680 professional support staff, the Faculty is equivalent to a medium-sized university in the UK. REF 2014 results confirmed The Faculty and the University of Manchester as a genuine international powerhouse, with exceptional performances in a wide range of disciplines (<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/ref-2014>).

**The University**

The University of Manchester, formed in 2004 by bringing together The Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST, is Britain's first chartered university of the 21st century. With some of the highest quality teaching and research, and the broadest spread of academic subjects, the university will be able to compete with the best universities in the world. The University's vision for the future is the creation of a 21st century institution that will become an international research powerhouse and a favoured destination for the world's best students, teachers, researchers and scholars. The merged University was established with an unprecedented £430 million capital programme to enhance research and teaching facilities and improve the campus. The University is

the largest single-site higher education institution in the country, offering students a greater choice of degree programmes and options, and even better facilities and support services. A landmark document, *Towards Manchester 2020*, sets out the dynamic plan for making The University of Manchester one of the top 25 universities in the world by that date. Manchester offers extensive provision for research. Library facilities include the John Rylands University Library and the Manchester Central Reference Library. The John Rylands library is the largest non-legal-deposit academic library in the United Kingdom, providing services and resources to students, researchers and academic staff as well as members of the public, schools and commercial companies. It holds the widest range of electronic resources of any UK Higher Education library. General information about the University may be found on the University website ([www.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.manchester.ac.uk)).

## The City and the Region

Manchester is one of the great European cities and the University's main campus is within walking distance of the city centre. The city's architecture represents one of the high points of Victorian achievement. The modern city is a major centre of banking, commerce and manufacturing, and hosts MediaCity UK, the country's most significant centre for creative and digital businesses. Manchester has a highly cosmopolitan atmosphere and its cultural life is internationally renowned. Within a fifteen minute walk of the campus there are three outstanding professional theatre companies, the halls of the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic orchestras, the HOME arts centre and other cinemas, and Europe's fastest-growing Chinatown. Amongst developments enriching the area's cultural life have been: the opening of The Lowry at Salford Quays; the Bridgewater Concert Hall; Urbis, the Imperial War Museum North, designed by Daniel Libeskind, and the refurbished City Art Gallery.

Manchester is renowned internationally for sport: it is a venue for Test cricket and the home of Manchester United and Manchester City. The Commonwealth Games were held in Manchester in 2002. The University is a stakeholder in the Commonwealth Pool – now known as the Manchester Aquatics Centre – which offers on campus, world-class swimming facilities. Housing is varied, plentiful and, by English standards, moderately priced. There are excellent schools across the region. Manchester is well served by a major international airport, with direct scheduled flights to many destinations in Europe as well as North America and Asia. Manchester Piccadilly railway station has been refurbished and is served by inter-city and other train services – with a direct link to Manchester Airport. The expanding network of Metrolink tram services offers an alternative mode of public transport from certain parts of the conurbation. Some of the most beautiful countryside in Europe is just over a thirty minute drive from the University, in the Peak District National Park, while the Lake District and Snowdonia are also within easy reach.

## Environmental Sustainability

SEED is committed to environmental sustainability and encourages all colleagues to sign up to the [10,000 Actions](#) signature programme available to all staff. Along with the [sustainability seminar series](#), this provides an introduction to sustainability issues, as well as the opportunity to receive your [carbon literacy certificate](#). SEED also take action as a team through [Green Impact](#), or you can take individual action as a [sustainability champion](#). By signing up to receive the [social responsibility newsletter](#) you can keep up-to-date with sustainability news across the University.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION (BOTH POSTS)**

These two appointments continue an ambitious plan for the strengthening of the research and teaching capacity of the Architecture Department at the University of Manchester, which has grown to nine permanent staff and a number of associate staff. We are particularly keen to hear from candidates who can complement and develop the capacity of our existing research themes and expertise.

The objective of these two posts is to build on this existing strength and will:

- Align with the interests of the Architecture Department at the University of Manchester and MARG, and with the continued development of the MSA.
- Contribute to the curriculums of the MSA and help ensure the student experience at the University of Manchester and the MSA is comparable to the best in the world.
- Develop an excellent level of research performance (in terms of publications, funded projects and scholarly activity), where excellence is defined as 'setting the international research agenda'.
- Develop research grant applications in order to maintain and enhance external sources of funding.
- Ensure the recruitment and retention of high-quality PhD students through excellent supervision.
- Enhance links with relevant professional bodies.
- Enhance links of policy and practitioner communities with Manchester and beyond and contribute to the University's goal of social engagement.
- Take an appropriate share of administrative and pastoral duties.
- Act in a collegial and supportive manner.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION (BOTH POSTS):**

### **Essential**

- A PhD, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline.
- Research expertise, and a strong record of research achievement and publication, in any area of architectural humanities or social sciences that complements and develops the capacity of our existing research themes and expertise.
- A plan for high-quality individual, collaborative and/or inter-disciplinary research that complements or extends our existing research agenda.
- Experience of delivering and promoting the highest quality of student experience.
- Evidence of teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching in higher education.
- Commitment to collegiality and the ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary academic team.
- Excellent communication skills and an ability to represent Architecture and the University externally to peer groups and external bodies.

**Desirable**

- A willingness to teach across other areas of the School and University as appropriate.
- Commitment to exploring opportunities for your research to achieve economic, social, cultural or other impacts beyond academia through a combination of creative dissemination and engagement plans.
- A track record of success in external research grant applications.
- Involvement in recruiting doctoral students and supervising them to successful completion.
- Experience of engaging with relevant professional bodies.
- Experience of engagement with policy and practitioner communities.
- Membership of a relevant professional body.