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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Policy and Science Manager for the EU CONSTRAIN project

Faculty of Environment and Priestley International Centre for Climate



Salary: Grade 8 (£40,792 – 48,677p.a.)

Due to funding limitations the post will be appointed at no higher than spine point 37 (£40,792 p.a)

Reference: ENVEE1328

Closing date: 9 June 2019

Fixed term until 30 June 2023

This post is open to flexible working and job share arrangements

EU CONSTRAIN Policy and Science Manager **School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment** **Affiliated to the Priestley International Centre for Climate**

Do you have an entrepreneurial passion to provide solutions to climate change through evidence-based policy? Do you have experience of delivering complex, multi-partner projects geared towards an impact on international policy? Are you passionate about playing a leading role in the successful delivery of our Horizon 2020 EU funded research to ensure it delivers important benefits for international climate policy?

As the Policy and Science Manager for the Constraining uncertainty of multi-decadal climate projections (CONSTRAIN) project you will be responsible for leading and overseeing all aspects of the successful delivery of the research programme, ensuring effective integration across the scientific work packages concentrating on policy impact. CONSTRAIN is an 8€ million programme of research and stakeholder engagement funded by the European Union Horizon 2020 framework programme. Led by the University of Leeds, CONSTRAIN brings together world leading climate scientists to develop improved capability for making multi-decadal projections of climate. The programme will make a major contribution to international scientific assessments led by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and inform climate policy decisions on the European and international stage.

You will work closely with the lead academic, [Prof Piers Forster](#) on the strategic leadership of the programme, using your passion and experience to focus the project on the big picture policy needs. You will work closely with the Project Manager to coordinate ~40 researchers distributed among 14 partners across Europe and Israel to ensure the successful delivery of CONSTRAIN activities, outputs, policy engagement and research uptake.

You will lead the external representation of CONSTRAIN with a wide number of stakeholders, working closely with our project partner, Climate Analytics. If you thrive on the challenges of communication and policy engagement, managing inputs from international partners across complex programmes, and recognising and developing new opportunities to coordinate science to facilitate high impact outputs, this is an exciting opportunity for you to make a real difference.



You will have proven passion for evidence-based climate policy, experience of policy-engagement, and the ability to understand and communicate technical information to varied audiences. You will also have excellent organisational and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build effective working relationships and an understanding of the challenges in delivering a complex collaborative programme.

What does the role entail?

As Policy and Science Manager, your main roles will include:

- Being a member of the project's leadership team, contributing to shaping the vision and strategy for CONSTRAIN;
- Complex problem solving to ensure the delivery of all CONSTRAIN scientific research activities and outputs, policy engagement and research uptake that effectively integrates research across work packages;
- Leading the development and delivery of innovative products (e.g. infographics, synthesis reports) that synthesise and translate new scientific findings to a range of stakeholder and policy users;
- Leading on science communication and engagement activities to the public and stakeholders, including taking responsibility for the project website and other forms of communication;
- Acting as lead representative of CONSTRAIN both internally and with stakeholders, funders and collaborative partners;
- Managing the CONSTRAIN Project Manager, in relation to undertaking the impact assessment and monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.



What will you bring to the role?

As Policy and Science Manager you will have:

- The intellectual ability and analytical skills to understand current climate science research and to show innovation and creativity in connecting this with climate solutions;
- A PhD or relevant experience in a field related to climate science and an understanding of current climate research themes and their place in government policy and global agendas;
- Proven management and leadership experience including delivering complex, multi-partner collaborative projects;
- A track record in research communication and climate policy-engagement including the ability to effectively communicate complex technical information to varied audiences;
- The ability to think and act strategically and to deal with complex problems;
- Experience of representing and negotiating at a senior level with proven interpersonal, cultural and minority sensitive communication skills;
- Experience of working independently and under pressure to deal calmly with multiple tasks.

You may also have:

- A track record in leading multi-disciplinary teams;
- Experience of working on European funded research projects and/or in other EU countries.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by 23.59 (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

[Prof Piers Forster](#), **CONSTRAIN Academic Lead**

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Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position, however, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be, in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information.

