



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Assistant, School of Law



Salary: Grade 6 (£27,511-£32,817 p.a. pro-rata)

Reference: ESLLW1127

Closing date: 31 October 2019

Part time, 40% of full time equivalent (15 hours a week) for a duration of 8 weeks.

Research Assistant

School of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

Do you have an aptitude for carrying out research? Are you looking to gain research experience supporting an established academic? Do you have an interest in food access, food poverty, sustainability, climate change and Brexit?

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual with an aptitude for research in EU law to support a project looking at the impact of Brexit and climate change on food supply chains at the city level. You will work with Professor Fiona Smith, Professor of International Economic Law and N8 Chair in AgriFood Regulation at University of Leeds, School of Law, who will supervise the legal aspects of the project. The project will provide a greater understanding of the risks to, and resilience of, food supplies and the benefits from building up greater resilience in local supply chains, the need for better understanding of local procurement practices along with the barriers and opportunities for linking up local food suppliers with public institutions in the light of risks to food supply chains from Brexit and Climate Change.

You will be required to conduct an initial search of relevant public sector procurement directives, regulations, policies and guidance relating to the procurement of food supplies for public sector institutions, which will then be used to map the context of city level food procurement.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Assistant your main duties will include:

- Providing support on the project and to the project leader;
- Assisting the project leader with reviewing relevant documentation;
- Synthesising and analysing the relevant documentation;
- Contributing to report writing where required;
- Being involved in presenting research findings to academic, professional and non-professional audiences and to communicate complex data in accessible ways;
- Participating actively as a member of the project team
- Integrating the University value of inclusiveness into all appropriate aspects of the job; respecting the dignity and diversity of all members of the University community and of visitors to the University;
- Any other duties which may be commensurate within the role and grade.



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 a Research Assistant you will have:

- An understanding of, and knowledge of, research issues around EU law;
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral with a wide range of people;
- Excellent organisational skills, experience of managing own workload and ability to work to multiple deadlines;
- Postgraduate level research skills training and/or experience;
- The ability to work effectively as a team member as well as individually
- To demonstrate an understanding of the diverse nature of the University community and a willingness to work with staff, students and visitors (as appropriate) from a wide range of backgrounds, upholding the University value of inclusiveness.

You may also have

- Knowledge of public procurement law.

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:

Professor Fiona Smith, Professor of International Economic Law

Email: F.Smith1@leeds.ac.uk



Additional information

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School, with day to day reporting to Professor Fiona Smith.

Working at Leeds

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Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at disclosure@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

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 page.

