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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Water Security, Policy & Governance, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797 – 40,322 p.a.)

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Fixed-term, available from 6 January 2020 until 5 December 2021

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School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

Are you an academic with a water security, policy and governance background? Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities?

You will work with Dr Anna Mdee to, develop and collaborate on the policy and governance workstream of the GCRF Water Security & Sustainable Development Hub <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/water-hub/>. The Hub is led by Newcastle University in collaboration with University of Leeds and Oxford in the UK, and with a range of international organisations, and partners in Colombia, Ethiopia, India and Malaysia. You will have a relevant doctorate and you will deal independently with a wide range of people and support existing research as well as conducting new research. You will possess excellent analytical and writing skills and the ability to deal with a variety of tasks to set deadlines. The ability to work alone or as part of a team are essential, along with strong organisational skills.

The University of Leeds is a diverse, multi-cultural environment. We welcome applications from all sections of society and you will be expected to work within University values and policies which are designed to promote dignity, diversity, and inclusiveness.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Working with and in support of Dr Anna Mdee on policy and governance in the GCRF Water Security & Sustainable Development Hub;
- Being an active researcher, conducting research, planning and undertaking fieldwork/conferences and analysing data;
- Preparing and collaborating on publications;
- Drafting project reports and preparing conference talks and project report contributions;



- Presenting research findings to academic and professional audiences and communicating complex data in accessible ways;
- Developing and supporting research applications and proposals for funding in the specified research area;
- Contributing to research planning and development within the School, where appropriate;
- Balancing the competing pressures of research demands and deadlines.

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 Fellow you will have:

- A completed relevant PhD;
- Experience of engaging with water security, policy and governance in your own research field;
- Experience of collecting, managing and analysing research data as relevant to your own field of research;
- Experience of writing up major research findings for dissemination and/or publication;
- A track record of high quality research with relevance to water security, policy and governance.
- A track record of publications, with demonstrable potential for high quality academic publications;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including giving presentations and engaging effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- A willingness to pursue external funding to support further research;
- Excellent planning, organisational and time management skills, with the ability to assess priorities and meet tight deadlines with minimal supervision;
- A high level of attention to detail and accuracy;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- Availability to travel to research sites and stay overnight away from home when required.



You may also have:

- Experience of communicating with academic networks;
- Experience of delivering research findings in different formats to diverse audiences;
- Experience in assisting in the preparation of major research grant applications.

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:

Dr Anna Mdee, Associate Professor in International Development

Email: a.l.mdee@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

About the role

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about our [School](#) and [Faculty](#).

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

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



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 page.

