



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Research Fellow in Sustainability Communication, Faculty of Environment**



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

**Reference: ENVEE1378**

**Closing date: 8 January 2020**

**Fixed-term until 31 March 2020 due to external funding**

**We will consider job share / flexible working arrangements**

# **Research Fellow in Sustainability Communication**

## **School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment**

**Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have an established background in Ecological Economics? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive universities?**

The position is part of the Strategic Priorities Fund project “Living Well within Environmental Limits: From Pathways to Policy” led by Dr Dan O'Neill. This project will translate the findings of a recently completed two-year research project on national social and environmental performance within a “safe and just space” into a set of easily accessible tools and materials to facilitate knowledge exchange with policymakers. Given the tight timeline of this project, the applicant must have a proven track record in web-based data visualisation, and experience translating sustainability research results into policy-relevant materials.

### **What does the role entail?**

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research project and team including preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;
- Generating and pursuing independent and original research ideas in ecological economics;
- Developing an interactive website that will allow users to visualise and compare country performance over time, and explore scenarios for the future;
- Preparing a set of fact sheets to be shared with policymakers;
- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and disseminating research results through other recognised forms of output;
- Working both independently and also as part of a larger team of researchers, engaging in knowledge-transfer activities with policymakers.

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 PhD or near completion - i.e. the initial thesis needs to have been handed in at the point of application in ecological economics or a closely allied discipline;
- A strong background in quantitative data analysis, ideally with high proficiency in the “R” programming environment;
- Proven data visualisation skills for web-based applications;
- Knowledge of the “safe and just space framework” developed by Kate Raworth;
- Excellent writing skills, including general interest articles and policy briefs, and verbal communication skills including presentation skills;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines, manage competing demands and work effectively under pressure without close support;
- A proven track record of peer-reviewed publications in high impact factor journals;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team.

You may also have:

- Understanding of UK and European policy-making context, ideally with knowledge of Spanish and/or French;
- Experience of pursuing external funding to support research.

## 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 Dan O'Neill](#), Associate Professor in Ecological Economics**

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## Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Environment](#).

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Find out more about our [Research](#).

Find out more about Athena Swan in the [Faculty of Environment](#).

### A diverse workforce

The Faculty of Environment has received a prestigious Athena SWAN silver award from [Advance HE](#), the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. This award represents the combined efforts of all schools in the Faculty and shows the positive actions we have taken to ensure that our policies, processes and ethos all promote an equal and inclusive environment for work and study.

### 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](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).

## Criminal record information

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