



Impact & economic evaluator, NERC Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme

School of Earth & Environment / School of Geography, Faculty of Environment



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

**Reference: ENVGE1124**

**Interviews: Conducted by online video call in the second week of August**

**Fixed-term until 31 December 2022**

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

## Impact and Economic Evaluator

### Faculty of Environment, School of Earth & Environment and School of Geography

iCASP is a 6 year NERC-funded programme seeking to deliver £50M of economic benefit to the Yorkshire region and beyond and a range of non-economic benefits. The programme has been fully operational since 2017 and works by applying existing environmental science via co-designed projects with stakeholders to drive catchment-related environmental, policy, practice, business and societal impacts.

This exciting role has three key cross-cutting components:

You will drive the evaluation function of the iCASP programme, assessing and reporting on the cross-programme and project-specific impacts, including an evidence-based assessment of projected financial and non-financial benefits of programme activities. You will work with the iCASP team and with partners across academic and non-academic institutions, to evaluate and report on impact, including preparation of reports to funders and the programme office as required.

You will support the iCASP team in efforts to grow the legacy of iCASP by supporting and developing funding proposals, for external support, that enhance the long-term financial sustainability of iCASP beyond its initial NERC-funded timeframe.

You will directly support some of the iCASP-funded projects by delivering impact translation work that utilises your skills and experience (e.g. economic appraisal, catchment solutions).

You will have the opportunity to develop innovative methodologies that accurately capture the value of a varied portfolio of NERC science to the Yorkshire region and beyond, working closely with leading academic experts in the field of environmental economics and impact evaluation. You will also interact with a wide range of environmental scientists and stakeholders.

You will be an experienced quantitative environmental social scientist educated to PhD level, with a demonstrable understanding of environmental economics, catchment science and its use in business, government and other regional organisations. You will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, and an ability to understand and present complex economic and scientific data across the range of activities being supported by the programme.



## What does the role entail?

Responsible to: iCASP Directors

Reports to: Professor Julia Martin-Ortega and iCASP Programme Manager

### Main duties and responsibilities

- Developing and coordinating cross-programme and project impact recording and evaluation activities, including innovative approaches, working closely with, and supporting, the Impact Evaluation Group, the iCASP Impact Officer the Programme Office and the programme leads;
- Conducting evaluations using appropriate and robust economic modelling or analytical methods within the agreed timeframe;
- Assessing evidence of policy and decision-making impacts from the iCASP programme;
- Actively identify and support development of new funding bids that enhance the sustainability of iCASP beyond the initial NERC-funded timeframe;
- Producing papers and reports for the consideration of the Executive Management Group, the iCASP Governance Group and the NERC advisory group, to fulfil reporting requirements of partners and funders and to submit to academic journals where appropriate;
- Present outcomes and project activities to programme partners and stakeholders as required;
- Lead project-specific activities to deliver impact from the programme within non-academic organisations.

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?

### Essential

- PhD (or close to obtaining ie: the initial thesis needs to have been handed in at the point of application) in Environmental/Ecological Economics or Quantitative Environmental Social Science;
- Experience of the application of economic modelling (including for example Stated/Revealed Preferences, Cost Benefit Analysis, Cost Effectiveness Analysis);
- Experience of rapid economic assessment;
- Experience of social science methodologies and qualitative analysis;
- Demonstrable understanding of environmental science linked to potential socio-economic impacts;
- Demonstrable understanding of water and land management issues of greatest significance and the complex interactions between them at the catchment level;
- Knowledge of catchment related policy and regulation in the UK and the relative positions of iCASP partner organisations within this legislative framework
- Interdisciplinary research experience;
- Evidence of ability to work closely with non-academic partners and stakeholders including encouraging stakeholder participation in research;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to produce clear reports/papers in a variety of styles suitable for academic and non-academic audiences;
- Strong team player who can also work independently when required.

### Desirable

- Awareness of ecosystem services literature including monetary, non-monetary, cultural, shared and social values;
- Experience or understanding of the operations and regulatory responsibilities of government organisations, non-government organisations and businesses operating within the Yorkshire region;
- Experience of stakeholder analysis;
- Experience of supporting funding 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:

Professor Julia Martin-Ortega: [J.MartinOrtega@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:J.MartinOrtega@leeds.ac.uk)

or Duncan Fyfe, iCASP Programme Manager: [d.fyfe@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:d.fyfe@leeds.ac.uk)

## Additional information

### 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

### 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.

