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CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Creative and Gender-Transformative Climate Action in Myanmar, School of Geography



Salary: Grade 7 (£33,797 to £40,322)

Reference: ENVGE1136

Fixed-term for 30 months

We will consider job share / flexible working arrangements

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School of Geography, Faculty of Environment

Are you a talented and creative researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in applied ethnographic research and creative methodologies? Are you passionate about better understanding how social inequalities - particularly gender, sexuality and age - manifest in uneven impacts of climate change? Would you like to join an engaged research team that builds partnerships between communities, stakeholders and artists in marginalised urban environments to challenge these inequalities through gender-transformative climate action?

You will have a PhD or close to obtaining in Anthropology, Social Geography, Gender and/or Development Studies. Experience of undertaking collaborative, applied and creative ethnographic research in Myanmar or a closely related context is essential. A developing high-quality publishing track record is required.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Working under the supervision of Dr Katie McQuaid to deliver the aims and objectives of the GENERATE project;
- Planning for and conducting applied fieldwork in Myanmar and building and maintaining partnerships with local and (inter)national researchers, stakeholders and communities;
- Working both independently and also contributing to the research team as a whole, including working with project partners, to generate and pursue independent and original research ideas in the field of gender equality and climate change;
- Developing research objectives and contributing to setting the direction of the research project, where appropriate preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with the project team;
- Critically scoping and evaluating methodologies, evidence and interventions across related interdisciplinary fields and relating such evaluations appropriately to the project;
- Developing collaborations and then working within creative partnerships that engage communities, stakeholders and policymakers in knowledge exchange



activities that lead to the co-development, implementation and upscaling of arts-led and evidence-based interventions;

- Participating in and contributing to regular project meetings and developing and maintaining creative digital project resources;
- Preparing papers with the project team for publication in leading international journals, independently writing research summaries and reports, and presenting research papers;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development and contributing to the upskilling of community and project partners.

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 degree, or close to obtaining (ie: the initial thesis needs to have been handed in at the point of application) in Anthropology, Social Geography, Gender and/or Development Studies or a closely allied discipline;
- A strong background in independently designing, conducting, analysing and applying ethnographic *and* creative research methodologies sensitively and ethically in Myanmar or a closely related context;
- Evidenced ability to build and maintain working partnerships with marginalised communities and diverse stakeholders as part of collaborative qualitative action research that applies and evaluates evidence-based interventions in a related field;
- Ability to communicate your work well locally as well as at national and international conferences and meetings, with a developing track record of international peer-reviewed publications in the appropriate subject area, including gender analysis;
- Good time management and planning skills, with proven ability to conduct original research both individually and collaboratively in a team, and manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- Ability to spend nine months on fieldwork in Myanmar, with appropriate skills, experience, and enthusiasm to engage effectively with policymakers, artists and stakeholders to raise the profile and participation of marginalised communities in urban climate planning and policy;



You may also have:

- Experience of pursuing external funding to support research;
- Working with applied arts and visual methods to engage communities, stakeholders and wider publics in transformative change;
- Demonstrated fluency in a local language;
- Knowledge of the rationale for the project, e.g. the need for intersectional and gender-transformative approaches to climate action.

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 Katie McQuaid, Senior Research Fellow

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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

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.

