



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Water and Sanitation Governance, Faculty of Social Sciences



**Salary: Grade 7 (£34,304 –£40,927 p.a.)**

**Reference: ESLPO1061**

**Full-time, fixed-term until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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

# **Research Fellow in Water and Sanitation Governance**

## **School of Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Are you an academic with a background in water and sanitation governance? 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 Prof Anna Mdee to, develop and collaborate on a number of her research projects. You will have a relevant doctorate in international development or Social Sciences 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 School of Politics and International Studies values an inclusive working and teaching environment and our aim is to develop a diverse staff and student community reflective of this. We select candidates on the basis of merit and ability and aspire to further diversify our School and Faculty community. We particularly welcome applications from candidates belonging to groups that have been under-represented in the University including, but not limited to: Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and disabled people.

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

As a Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Working with and in support of Prof Anna Mdee on her research agenda, research projects and publications;
- 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 PhD in International Development or Social Sciences;
- Experience of engaging with water and sanitation 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 in International Development or Social Sciences as related to water and sanitation;
- 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 water and sanitation governance 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:

**Professor Anna Mdee**

Email: [a.l.mdee@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:a.l.mdee@leeds.ac.uk)

Please note: If you are not a British or Irish citizen, from 1 January 2021 you will require permission to work in the UK. This will normally be in the form of a visa but, if you are an EEA/Swiss citizen and resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this may be your passport or status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

## 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](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.

