



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Architecture,
Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£34,304 - £40,927 p.a.) Due to funding restrictions an appointment will not be made above £34,304 p.a.

Reference: EPSCV1058

Closing date: Tuesday 04 January 2022

70% Full time equivalent

Fixed-term for 13 months with a possibility to extend to 15 months.

We will consider job share and flexible working arrangements

Research Fellow in Architecture, School of Civil Engineering.

Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a background in Architecture, Arts and Heritage research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities? Do you want to work on a large research project alongside leading academics in the field of Cultural Heritage Arts and Crafts?

The candidate will support an AHRC funded project, [Creative Economies Through Youth-led Arts and Craft in Jordan \(CEARC\)](#), that aims to demonstrate the value of heritage-inspired creative arts and crafts in developing an innovative and sustainable economy through community-led enterprise, knowledge exchange, skill training and development in Jordan. We seek to establish a local hub of creative arts and cultural heritage to build capacity in technology acquisition and application to support local enterprise and job creation in Jordan.

What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Working with and in support of Dr Selim to ensure the project is successfully delivered and completed;
- Generating and pursuing independent and original research ideas in the area of Arts and crafts;
- Develop the project website and create and add new update as needed;
- Support creating short films recorded during the project lifespan;
- 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;
- Carry out routine administrative duties as requested, writing the project periodical reports, arranging research group meetings and designing\updating the project website and social media outlets.
- Carry out any other duties designated by the project PI and which fall within the general ambit of the post.
- 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 where appropriate and feasible;
- Supporting the PI and the local team in Jordan in delivering and implementing arts and crafts training workshops and public engagement activities;
- Supporting the PI in developing a Practical Policy Document on Cultural Heritage crafts in Jordan;
- Experience with curating exhibitions and displays in museums in the UK and Jordan to disseminate the project outputs;

Planning and Organisation:

- Plan own day-to-day activity within the framework of the agreed research programme;
- Contribute to the planning of research projects, reports and publications etc. usually 1-3 months in advance;
- Prepare textual/visual and other materials generated throughout the project for dissemination;
- Plan the collation and integration of ethnographic media for the installation from each researcher;
- Plan for research in collaboration with stakeholders/partner organisations as directed by the PI;
- Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research group over the aims of the project and the preparation of materials;
- Plan and contribute to the project's website.

Resource Management Responsibilities:

- Transcribe, code and archive interview/survey materials and the project team meetings;
- Work collaboratively with the research team to ensure that materials for digital use are finalised;
- Prepare digital outputs from all work streams to liaise on their development with the PI;
- Assist in developing non-digital and digital materials for impact purposes;
- Ensure research resources are used in an effective and efficient manner;
- Keep logs of all fieldwork activities.



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 close to completion / or have submitted your thesis before taking up the role) in Architecture or Arts or a closely allied discipline;
- A strong background in designing handmade arts and crafts products;
- Experience of pursuing external funding to support research;
- A proven track record of peer-reviewed publications in high impact factor journals;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills;
- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- Ability to develop and apply visualisation tools to support spatial and virtual communications with public users;
- Excellent visualisation skills, including Illustrator, Photoshop, and animation;
- Professionalism in dealing with external project partners;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in multidisciplinary teams;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.

You may also have:

- Experience of working closely with marginalised and local communities, and skilled craftsmen in the global south;
- Knowledge and awareness of Arabic Language.

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:

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Additional information

Faculty and School Information

Further information is available on the research and teaching activities of the [Faculty of Engineering](#) and the School of [School of Civil Engineering](#).

A diverse workforce

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian and ethnically diverse people; people who identify as LGBT+; and people with disabilities. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are proud to have been awarded the Athena SWAN [Silver](#) Award from the Equality Challenge Unit, the national body that promotes equality in the higher education sector. Our [equality and inclusion webpage](#) provides more 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.



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.

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.

