



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Lecturer in Climate Change Adaptation (Teaching and Research), Faculty of Environment**



**Salary: Grade 8 (£43,414 – £51,805 p.a.)**

**Reference: ENVEE1590**

**We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements**

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### **Sustainability Research Institute, School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment**

**Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out Social Science teaching and research in Climate Change Adaptation and related topics? Do you have an excellent research record and proven success obtaining funding? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University? Do you aspire to be an academic leader in your field?**

The Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) in the School of Earth and Environment is looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated interdisciplinary environmental and social scientist with a focus on climate change adaptation, to join our world-leading team of researchers.

Following recent successes in student recruitment and grant income from a range of funders and collaborative research (including UKRI, Horizon Europe, Met Office), we are seeking to expand our portfolio of excellent teaching and research in climate change adaptation. We are specifically looking for someone whose work complements that of our current team, and who can add depth and breadth to this subject specialism and to the interdisciplinary nature of our School.

SRI is an internationally leading centre for research in the environmental social sciences. Our research specialisms include climate change adaptation and climate services, energy and climate change mitigation, environment and development, environmental policy and economics for sustainability, social and political dimensions of sustainability, and business and organisations for sustainable societies. For this position we are seeking applicants working on cross-cutting issues in climate change adaptation, such as climate services, climate and development, climate risk and disaster management, climate governance, climate justice or climate change adaptation and mitigation linkages. We are interested in candidates with a strong track record of high quality publications and demonstrated funding potential. A willingness to work in collaboration with colleagues across the institute and across multiple disciplines is essential.

You will join the Climate Change Adaptation, Vulnerability and Services (CCA VS) research group. You will contribute to student education across the sustainability suite of undergraduate and Master's programmes that focus on climate change and broader sustainability issues. This will include programme development and management,

research-led and field course teaching, and supervision of research dissertations and capstone projects.

## What does the role entail?

As Lecturer, your main duties will include:

- Module management and teaching at undergraduate and Master's level, including in the MSc Climate Change and Environmental Policy, and MSc Climate Futures, and BSc Sustainability and Environmental Management and other programmes as appropriate;
- Research-based teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Undertaking innovative, independent and collaborative research in the broad field of climate change adaptation in collaboration with stakeholders;
- Maintaining a track record of high quality publications of international standing;
- Attracting research funding individually and collaboratively to underpin high quality research activity and research programmes/projects;
- Establishing professional and public sector links and exploring interdisciplinary collaborations and knowledge exchange within and beyond the University;
- Contributing to research planning and development within the School including participating actively in relevant research groups;
- Contributing to the wider academic community, for example by journal editing, organising conferences, or being a member of a research council peer review college or other national or international advisory group;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties;
- Contributing to administrative processes and committees of the School and Faculty, including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required by the Head of School/Dean consistent with the grade of the post.



## What will you bring to the role?

As Lecturer you will have:

- A PhD in climate change adaptation or a closely related subject area;
- A track record of excellent research outputs on climate change adaptation in the international peer-reviewed literature;
- Demonstrated potential in obtaining research funding in the field of climate change adaptation;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching in the field of climate change adaptation and broader climate change environmental social science, and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactive development of new teaching approaches and materials in the social and human dimensions of climate change;
- A strong interest in translating research findings into academic and societal impacts supporting climate resilient societies;
- Evidence of engagement with climate change adaptation research and impacts through a network of research and societal partners across different context;
- Ability to develop and contribute to interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in climate change adaptation, such as climate services, climate and development, climate risk and disaster management, climate justice or climate change adaptation and mitigation linkages;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and an ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with students, academic and external audiences from diverse backgrounds;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including effectively managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of leading student education programmes;
- Experience in teaching climate change mitigation or social and human dimensions of climate change;
- Expertise in climate service development or evaluation or experience that enables you to work collaboratively with researchers across University Research Platforms (e.g. University of Leeds Met Office Strategic (LUMOS) Research Group, Priestley International Centre for Climate; The Centre for Global Development, Global Food & Environment Institute, water@leeds);
- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience from academic leadership in social science of climate change;
- Experience of leadership roles for external bodies/organisations related to social science of climate change;

- A strong record in obtaining research funding in the field of climate change adaptation.

## 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. Your application should include:

- a **supporting statement** highlighting how you meet each of the criteria for the role and how you believe your existing knowledge and experience equips you for performing the role;
- a copy of your **curriculum vitae** giving full details of qualifications and experience.

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.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

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*Please note that replies could be slightly delayed due to leave.*

## Additional information



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

Find out more about our [School of Earth and Environment](#).

Find out more about the [Sustainability Research Institute](#).

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

Find out more about [equality](#) in the Faculty.

### **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 Environment 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 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**

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit 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.

