



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Research Fellow in Architecture, Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences



Salary: Grade 7 (£35,333 - £42,155 p.a.)

Reference: EPSCV1102

Closing date: Monday 13th February 2023

Part time, 26.25 hours per week

Fixed-term until 31st January 2024

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

Research Fellow in Architecture

School of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

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? Do you want to work on a large research project alongside leading academics in the field of Architecture, Arts and Cultural Heritage?

University of Leeds Architecture and Urbanism Research Group (AURG) supports interdisciplinary research. It acts as a platform for tackling global societal challenges by working closely with communities, local authorities, NGOs, policymakers, businesses and the public. The Creative Economies Through Youth-led Arts and Craft in Jordan (CEARC) project is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and aims to demonstrate the value of heritage-inspired creative arts in marginalised communities through business start-ups, policy, knowledge exchange and development. The project brings researchers and research ideas into dialogue with the arts and crafts community in Jordan with a particular focus on how participation works in these contexts, the challenges of developing entrepreneurship and the impact they might have on future decision-making processes in the city, including policy making.

The project outputs will be disseminated as a case study on developing innovative economic models using participatory approaches at the intersection of international development, cultural heritage safeguarding and inclusive engagement. This will ensure that knowledge transfer and government policy are responsive to all stakeholders, including those most vulnerable to marginalisation.

We are looking for a Postdoctoral Researcher with experience in evaluating policy and practical practices of arts and crafts entrepreneurship in Jordan. The candidate will work closely with the Department of Antiquities team and interview key actors and other participants from the different SMEs and youth-led practices, engaged in the heritage arts and crafts industry. The post holder will evaluate the different processes employed and produce a report with case studies and recommendations, including what these approaches might mean for policy and practice in Jordan. In addition, the candidate will advise and guide the project lead on sufficient approaches in collaboration with local partners to help shape future public engagement programmes.



What does the role entail?

As a Research Fellow, your main duties will include:

- Assisting with the development, collection, transcription and analysis of qualitative data that builds from the knowledge sharing events;
- Assisting in developing non-digital and digital materials for impact purposes;
- Generating and pursuing independent and original research ideas in line with the project objectives and direction;
- 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;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to your own work;
- 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;
- Maintaining your own continuing professional development and acting as a mentor to less experienced colleagues as appropriate;
- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, including assisting with the supervision of projects in areas relevant to the project.

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 have submitted your thesis before taking up the role) preferably in Architecture or Arts or a closely allied discipline (other potential disciplines that can be considered include Entrepreneurship in Marginalised Communities);
- Ability to develop and apply visualisation tools to support spatial and virtual communications with public users;



- Good visualisation skills, including Illustrator, Photoshop, and animation;
- Experience in conducting policy analysis, applying qualitative (and possibly quantitative) research methods and producing policy reports;
- Evidence of pursuing 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;
- 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 pursuing external funding to support research;
- A background in designing handmade arts and crafts products;
- Experience of working closely with communities 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 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

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.

Information for disabled candidates

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at hr@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.

