



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Green Finance Coordinator (Great North Bog), Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099 – £44,263 p.a.)

Reference: ENVEE1679

Fixed term for 2 years – due to external funding

Location of the post is University of Leeds (with scope for hybrid working)

We are open to discussing flexible working arrangements

Green Finance Coordinator (Great North Bog) School of Geography, Faculty of Environment

Do you have experience of working in green finance? Would you like to utilise your excellent organisational and problem solving skills to support peatland restoration? Would you like to work on a collaborative and practical project across northern England and in partnership with European collaborators?

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated green finance co-ordinator to join us to work on an exciting EU project - WaterLANDS - focussing on wetland restoration. You would be expected to undertake support for the various peatland restoration partnerships across northern England who form the 'Great North Bog' consortium and are seeking to sustainably finance their restoration projects. You would be expected to have experience or expertise in green finance. The successful candidate should have excellent communication skills and be able to manage collaborative working with the University of Leeds WaterLANDS team, the European project partners, and support the local peatland practitioners and partnerships in northern England.

There is currently a growing interest in green finance, understood here as the participation of private entities into the financing of environmental conservation and restoration activities. Environmental and conservation practitioners (e.g. environmental charities, government agencies), are increasingly being exposed to interactions with private actors with an interest in private investment. This requires them to engage with topics, terminology and discussions outside their main area of expertise and for which they do not always have relevant training or skills. A clear need has been identified for people to operate at the interface between those private entities wishing to invest in environmental conservation and restoration and those responsible for such conservation/restoration, enabling such discussions, helping translate knowledge across the finance and conservation world and supporting positive interactions. You would fulfil this need in support of the Great North Bog as part of the EU WaterLANDS project.

The work may involve travel to occasional project meetings in other European countries.



What does the role entail?

As a Green Finance Coordinator, your main duties will include:

- Proactively coordinate and implement work activities regarding green finance among partners of the Great North Bog, in interaction with the scientific team at the University of Leeds, maintaining good communication and ensuring deliverables are met.
- Map current interactions and initiatives regarding green finance among the GNB partnership.
- Identify synergies and frictions across the multiple initiatives and interactions across the GNB partnership
- Design and implement knowledge exchange activities between conservation and restoration partners and green finance agents
- Provide complex advice to GNB partners with regards to green finance initiatives and interactions
- Support a critical review of the role of green finance and ensure partners are informed about the associated risks of nature commodification, based on University of Leeds academic analysis.
- Provide input into producing the peatland business cases and a roadmap for business case development involving green finance for the GNB.
- Lead the connections between the EU partners working on green finance and the University of Leeds and the GNB.
- Developing and managing proactive working relationships with key colleagues at the University;
- Liaising and working effectively with a range of external partners.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Green Finance Coordinator, you will have:

- A postgraduate degree (or equivalent industry expertise) in a related field (e.g. Finance, Business, etc);
- Experience in the field of green finance;
- An up to date understanding of green financing mechanisms, processes and decision-making;
- Experience of having difficult conversations with stakeholders, demonstrating excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills with the ability to work with a diverse group of colleagues;



- Attention to detail and conscientious, enthusiastic, flexible and proactive approach to work, whilst maintain confidentiality;
- Excellent organisational skills, with the ability to manage your time effectively, often using your own initiative, and demonstrating good problem-solving skills;
- Experience of working between academic and non-academic partners, particularly supporting knowledge exchange;
- Evidence of an ability to work effectively as part of a team, along with self-motivation and the ability to work on your own initiative, whilst maintaining a high quality customer service;
- Willingness and ability to travel to international project meetings.

You may also have:

- Experience in stakeholder engagement;
- Experience in interdisciplinary work;
- Familiarity with peatlands and environmental management;
- Experience in developing business cases.

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 Richard Grayson, WaterLANDS Great North Bog Co-ordinator

Email: r.grayson@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

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.



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Our University

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.

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.

