



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Research Assistant in Climate Resilience, Energy Efficiency, & Renewable Energy Sources, Economics Department, Leeds University Business School**



**Salary: Grade 6 (£32,296 – £37,999 p.a. pro rata depending on experience)**

**Reporting to: Principal Investigator (PI) - Dr Gissell Huaccha**

**Reference: BUSEC1010**

**0.6 FTE**

**Fixed term – until 31 July 2025 to complete specific time limited work**

**Location: University of Leeds main campus (with scope for hybrid working)**

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

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## Overview of the Role

**Do you have a background in climate resilience, energy performance certificates (EPC) ratings, clean energy access, and renewable energy sources?**

**Are you looking to further your career at one of the UK's leading research-intensive Universities?**

We are seeking a highly knowledgeable and innovative researcher to join our dynamic interdisciplinary team on the project for The Role of Climate Resilience Strategies, Energy Performance Certificates, Access to Clean Energy on House Prices & Inequality. This role involves critically analysing existing literature, policy interventions, and data trends related to climate resilience, EPC ratings, clean energy access, renewable energy sources, house prices, and inequality. The ideal candidate will leverage their robust expertise in **qualitative** and **quantitative** research methods to contribute to the foundational theoretical background underpinning the project's core topics.

## Main duties and responsibilities

- **Literature Review and Policy Analysis:** Conduct reviews of existing literature and policy documents on climate resilience, energy efficiency, clean energy access, green development, renewable energy, and housing inequality;
- **Report Writing and Dissemination:** Draft research reports, policy briefs, user-friendly presentations, including infographics, news media articles, blogs, and podcasts, summarising research findings;
- **Workshop Support:** Collaborate with the PI to prepare for workshops, aiding in the dissemination of project findings to policymakers, industry leaders, practitioners, and academic experts in the field;
- **Collection, Management, and Analysis of Quantitative & Qualitative Data:** Assist in the collection of quantitative and qualitative data, including conducting interviews and participatory research.





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.

## Qualifications and skills

### Essential

- **Educational Background:** A Master's or PhD in Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, or a related discipline with a focus on climate resilience, energy efficiency, clean energy access, and renewable energy;
- **Research Experience:** A strong background in quantitative & **qualitative research methods**, with demonstrated experience in conducting research related to **climate resilience, energy economics, energy efficiency**, clean energy access, renewable energy, **housing**, and **inequality**;
- **Qualitative Skills:** Proficiency in tools such as **NVivo, MAXQDA, or Atlas.ti** for thematic and content analysis;
- **Quantitative Skills:** Ability to integrate qualitative insights with quantitative data for comprehensive analysis, including geospatial analysis;
- **Policy Analysis:** Proficiency in analysing climate, energy, and green policies implemented in the UK and Europe;
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent written and verbal communication skills for preparing reports, new media articles, blogs, podcasts, and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, industry experts, and policymakers.

## Additional 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.

### Our University and School

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education.



At Leeds University Business School, we work hard to ensure that our shared University values (collaboration, compassion, inclusivity and integrity) guide all our activities. We are committed to developing our culture so that we are able to work together to deliver our purpose to “make an exceptional impact on the economy, society and the planet”. We aim to do this by pursuing our goals of developing innovative solutions for society and building a community of responsible leaders.

Everyone at the Business School has a part to play in realising this vision - whether you are involved in education, research, external engagement or professional support. Everyone has skills, knowledge, talent and experience of value - we all have something to offer and we all have a part to play in contributing to collective success. This is at the heart of who we are and how we treat one another. We want all colleagues to feel excited about going to work, to feel valued, to be challenged, to feel part of something bigger and to have fun along the way. To make this a reality we expect all colleagues to champion our shared values, to help us to strengthen our culture and to contribute to our common purpose.

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, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates are always selected based on merit and ability.

**Please Note:** If you are not a British or Irish citizen, since 1 January 2021 you 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 you were resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, this will be your status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

### **Information for disabled candidates**

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found under the ‘Accessibility’ heading on our [How to Apply](#) information page or by getting in touch by [emailing HR via hr@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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.

## **Salary Requirements of the Skilled Worker Visa Route**

**G6** - Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role may only be suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants if they are eligible for salary concessions. For more information, please visit [the Government's Skilled Worker visa page](#).

