



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

**Research Fellow in Nutrition and Lifestyle Analytics, School of Food Science and Nutrition, Faculty of Environment**



**Salary: Grade 7 (£41,064 – £48,822 p.a.)**

**Reference: ENVFS1156**

**Fixed-term for 8 months available immediately to complete time limited work**

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

# Research Fellow in Nutrition and Lifestyle Analytics

## School of Food Science and Nutrition

**Are you an ambitious researcher looking for your next challenge? Do you have a PhD in data science, epidemiology or healthy geography and domain expertise in healthy and sustainable diets? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?**

The Nutrition and Lifestyle Analytics team are based between the School of Food Science and Nutrition and the interdisciplinary setting of the Leeds Institute for Data Analytics, working closely alongside the [Healthy and Sustainable Places Data Service](#).

A Research Fellow is required to work on a major project, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, working closely with project partner The Food Foundation to better understand food inequalities in different areas of the UK and visualise these using geographic information systems and other methods.

The Research Fellow will work with local authorities to unlock local level insights and compare and contrast areas across the UK with regards to access to healthy and sustainable food. For more information about this project, please click [here](#).

This project is led by the Food Foundation, with this work package led from the School of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Leeds in collaboration with the Healthy and Sustainable Places Data Service. You will report to Professor Michelle Morris who leads the Nutrition and Lifestyle.

### Roles and Responsibilities

- Manipulating and analysing data that falls within the scope of this project, using advanced research techniques/pre-determined methods;
- Generating and pursuing original research ideas in the appropriate subject area;
- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research project and team including, where appropriate preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;
- Presenting findings of research, for example, preparing papers, blog posts and making presentations, with guidance and advice as appropriate;



- Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals and independently writing reports;
- 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;
- Facilitating communications between collaborators, by setting up meetings and sharing materials as appropriate;
- Contributing to the research culture of the School, where appropriate;
- Contributing to the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, where appropriate, 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.

You will report to Michelle Morris, Professor of Data Science for Food.

## Qualifications and Skills

### Essential

- A first degree and PhD or near completion (i.e. the initial thesis needs to have been handed in at the point of application) in a relevant area of study (for example, nutrition, public health, epidemiology, data science or health geography) or a closely allied discipline;
- Proven ability to structure, manage and work with quantitative data;
- Evidence of capacity to design and undertake research and contribute into a wider research programme;
- Experience in building working relationships with others from different backgrounds;
- Proven ability to write to the standard required for research reports/international publications;
- Good time management and planning skills, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work effectively under pressure;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;



- Proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- A proven ability to work well both individually and in a team;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development.
- Evidence of ability to work in interdisciplinary teams;

### Desirable

- A track record of successful, high quality, publications on nutrition and health analytics.
- Experience working with external stakeholders from industry or the public sector
- Experience of combining diverse data sources in research projects;
- Previous broad based scholarly experiences, for instance, contributions to publications, individual and collaborative research projects, research proposals and applications for funding.

## Contact information

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

**Michelle Morris, Professor Data Science for Food**

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## 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.

Please note that this post may be suitable for sponsorship under the Skilled Worker visa route but first-time applicants might need to qualify for salary concessions. For more information please visit: [www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa](http://www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa)

For research and academic posts, we will consider eligibility under the Global Talent visa. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>



Find out more about the [LIDA-IGD partnership](#).

Find out more about the [School of Food Science and Nutrition](#).

Find out more about the [Leeds Institute for Data Analytics](#)

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

### **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**

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. Within the School of Food Science & Nutrition 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, those who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. 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.

### **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

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.

