



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Impact Evaluator, Faculty of Environment**



**Salary: Grade 7 (£32,004 – £38,183 p.a. pro rata)**

**Reference: ENVFO1045**

**Closing date: 2 January 2017**

**Fixed-term for 5 years, 80% full time equivalent**

# Impact Evaluator

## Faculty of Environment

**Would you like to be part of an exciting new research project mitigating the risks of floods and droughts, improving water quality and bringing significant benefits to the economy, environment and wider society? Do you have a PhD in Environmental/Ecological Economics or Quantitative Environmental Social Science?**

The Yorkshire Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP) is a £6 million investment over five years, with funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), aimed at generating solutions to significant environmental issues and bringing benefits across rural and urban areas of Yorkshire. The programme requires a team of innovative communicators, experts and administrators to support the translation of science and the engagement of agencies across all sectors.

Reporting to the Programme Manager, this exciting new role will lead the evaluation function of the [iCASP](#) programme, ensuring that all programme partners and funders are provided with regular, robust analysis of performance measures. You will have the opportunity to develop innovative methodologies that accurately capture the value of a varied portfolio of NERC science to the Yorkshire region, working closely with leading academic experts in the field of environmental economics and impact evaluation.

With knowledge of catchment science and its applications, you will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, as well the ability to understand and present complex economic and scientific data across the range of activities to be supported by the programme.

### What does the role entail?

As an Impact Evaluator, your main duties will include:

- Coordinating the evaluation activities and reporting requested by the Impact Evaluation Group;
- Designing a mechanism to evaluate all science translation/impact projects proposed within the programme;





- Supporting and overseeing monitoring using key performance frameworks and conducting evaluations using appropriate and robust economic modelling or analytical methods;
- Assessing and reporting the impact upon policy and decision-making of the iCASP programme and associated network;
- Produce papers and reports for the consideration of the Executive Management Group and the iCASP Governance Group;
- Presenting the work of the Impact Evaluation Group to programme partners and stakeholders as required.

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 an Impact Evaluator you will have:

- A PhD in Environmental/Ecological Economics or Quantitative Environmental Social Science;
- Experience of the application of economic modelling (including for example Stated and Revealed Preferences, Cost Benefit Analysis, Cost Effectiveness Analysis);
- Experience of rapid economic assessment;
- Experience of social science methodologies and qualitative analysis;
- Knowledge and understanding of environmental science linked to potential socio-economic impacts;
- Knowledge and understanding of water and land management issues;
- Knowledge of catchment related policy and regulation in the UK and the relative positions of iCASP partner organisations within this legislative framework;
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with a wide range of individuals, including those from outside academia;
- Ability to inspire and generate enthusiasm.



You may also have:

- Awareness of ecosystem services literature including monetary, non-monetary, cultural, shared and social values;
- Experience of multi-criteria and stakeholder analysis;
- Ability to use spatial analysis techniques;
- Interdisciplinary research experience.

## How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the closing date.

## Contact information

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

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## Additional information

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## **Candidates with disabilities**

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found in our [Accessibility](#) information 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](#).

