



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in International Food Supply Networks and Sustainability,
Faculty of Environment



Salary: Grade 8 (£39,992 - £47,722 p.a.)

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Sustainability Research Institute, School of Earth and Environment, Faculty of Environment

Are you an academic with proven abilities to carry out teaching and research in international food supply networks & sustainability? Do you have an excellent research record and proven success obtaining funding? Are you passionate about delivering an exceptional student experience in a research-intensive Russell Group University?

We are looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated environmental social scientist with a focus on sustainability and international food supply networks, to contribute to building a new cross University centre on food and the environment and to lead the development and operation of a new cross-faculty Masters programme.

You will lead lectures and workshops across the sustainability Masters suite of programmes drawing on cutting edge theory and novel data sets from the sector. Your research should be within a relevant subject area and should be interdisciplinary, to bridge social science, business management, international development and environmental science.

The University offers uniquely powerful commercial innovation opportunities – with internationally recognised strengths in sustainability science, food science and technology, social and health sciences, plant science and agriculture, and environmental and Earth systems research - through globally leading interdisciplinary advances.



What does the role entail?

As Lecturer, your main duties will include:

- Undertaking innovative, independent and collaborative research in the broad field of environmental social sciences with a focus on sustainability and international food supply networks;
- Maintaining a track record of publications in high-impact, peer-reviewed international journals, and presenting results at key international conferences;
- Establishing a successful externally funded research programme;
- Establishing industrial, professional and public sector links and exploring the scope for interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange within and beyond the University;
- Contributing to research planning and development within the School including participating actively in relevant research groups;
- Contributing to wider academic community, for example by journal editing, organising conferences, or being a member of a research council peer review college or other advisory group;
- Leading and contributing to a module workload to Undergraduate and Master's modules in MSc Sustainability and Consultancy, MSc Sustainability and Business, BA Environment and Business and contributing to other research-led teaching as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels, including assessment and examinations and contributing towards module design, review and quality assurance mechanisms;
- Providing support and guidance to students, providing timely feedback, acting as a personal tutor, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Leading the building and operation of a new interfaculty postgraduate taught programme around food and the environment. You will also lead and teach a new module on this programme based in the School of Earth and Environment;
- Contributing effectively to the administrative processes and committee structures of the School/Faculty including taking on leadership roles and managing initiatives which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business;
- Contributing to leading a research theme on international food supply networks for a new cross University centre on food and the environment.



These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required by the Head of School/Dean consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?

As Lecturer you will have:

- A PhD in a relevant subject area;
- A track record of research outputs in refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- A successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects in a broad range of areas;
- A proven record of teaching in a University environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching environmental social science and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials in the area of international food supply networks and sustainability;
- Exceptional communication skills with the ability to collaborate with peers and inspire your research colleagues;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate student supervision;
- Experience of programme/academic leadership;
- A track record of fund raising from the public and/or the private sector;
- A track record of knowledge exchange with industrial, professional and public sector organisations.



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

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Find out more about the [Sustainability Research Institute](#).

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Working at Leeds

You can find out more about our generous benefits package and more about what it is like to work at the University and live in the Leeds area on 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.

