



Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Research Officer (Post-Doctoral Researcher) - Climate Information for Adaptation Policy and Implementation

Department/Centre/Institute: Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment
Accountable to: Professor Declan Conway

Job Summary

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (GRI), which includes the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP), is pleased to invite applications to the above post, which is at the postdoctoral level. The successful applicant will collaborate with Professors Declan Conway and Dave Stainforth GRI and also Suraje Dessai (based at Leeds in CCCEP).

The role will contribute to a research theme on Climate Information for Adaptation one of seven themes within CCCEP which brings together some of the world's leading researchers on climate change economics and policy, from many different disciplines. CCCEP was established in 2008 and is just entering its third phase.

This position will include a major focus on the process of adaptation to climate change in the UK, across policy and implementation, with consideration of the use of climate information (climate model projections and other types of climate information) and the changing roles of different actors over time. The position will also consider the relevance of UK experiences for the design and implementation of adaptation policy in developing countries.

This role will be guided by the following objectives:

- Review UK experiences in adaptation, across policy and implementation, with focus on the role of climate information (climate model projections and other types of information)
- Examine roles of different actors over time (particularly public, private), moving from UK leadership role to austerity
- International dimensions: Examine how Paris stocktake processes are evolving in relation to adaptation (guidance, steps towards submissions, etc.)
- Select with support from the project PIs case study developing countries for rapid analysis of their existing adaptation policy landscapes, considering for example, National Adaptation Plans and progress towards adaptation stocktakes.
- Map these experiences against the UK situation and highlight opportunities for learning.

Within these objectives the post-holder will have flexibility to explore in more detail (according to experience, interest and research potential) the behavioural, organisational or political economy dimensions of the use of information within adaptation processes.



Duties and Responsibilities

The appointee will be expected to co-design and lead research tasks with key administrative responsibilities for the overall project. They will join the Grantham Research Institute's Adaptation and Sustainable Development team.

Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- Conducting literature reviews
- Demonstrating knowledge of theory, methods and practice in adaptation and demonstrating development through acquisition of relevant skills and competencies
- Designing and implementing field work as required
- Leading and collaborating on writing and publishing academic papers and other outputs such as Policy Briefs
- Participating, as appropriate, in internal and external meetings, and brainstorming sessions
- Leading on organising relevant events, such as meetings and small workshops
- Liaising closely between the relevant CCCEP collaborators
- Some traveling for work (data collection, collaboration, workshops) in the UK and possibly overseas during the project duration

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the funding agency and with the agreement of the supervisor and Institute Directors.

The appointee will be expected to play an active intellectual part in the project itself and be able to produce independent original research.

Note

The LSE has a progressive pay structure that rewards you with annual pay increases up to a certain level as you develop in your role. We also provide for further reward past this point in the form of further pay increases based on exceptional performance.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.

Equality and Diversity

To uphold the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity, as set out in the [Ethics Code](#), we will treat all people with dignity and respect, and ensure that no one will be treated less favourably because of their role at the School, age, sex, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, or social and economic background. For the full Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy statement, please see the [EDI website](#).

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.