



JOB DESCRIPTION

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| Job Title: | Post-Doctoral Research Associate |
| Department / Unit: | Geography |
| Job type | Research |
| Grade: | RHUL 7 |
| Accountable to: | Professor Jay Mistry |
| Accountable for: | N/A |
| Purpose of the Post | |
| To contribute to the analysis of the diverse interactions of people and fire research element of the Leverhulme Centre for Wildfires, Environment and Society. | |
| Key Tasks | |
| To lead the conceptualisation and development of analyses of global datasets on peoples' fire use created by the Centre, including leading and facilitating interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral and international collaborations. | |
| To gather supporting evidence for Indigenous and local communities' fire knowledges through social science methods including ethnographic assessments, participatory workshops, observational studies and quantitative data collection. This may include periods of international fieldwork, and the applicant must be willing and able to travel and work in developing rural settings | |
| To work closely with a large number of academics, postdoctoral researchers and PhD students across the Centre's natural and social sciences in order to contribute to an interdisciplinary understanding of fire, its drivers, and its impacts. | |
| To facilitate Indigenous, local community and fire practitioner engagement with the Centre's mission. | |
| To contribute to the dissemination of findings through conference presentations and journal articles, collaborating with others as necessary. | |
| To contribute to the overall activities of the research team and the department as appropriate. | |

To carry out any other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the Associate Director.

Any other duties as required by the line manager or Head of Department that are commensurate with the grade.

Other Duties

The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the College. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by their manager.

The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.

Internal and external relationships

The postholder will be required to regularly work at the Leverhulme Centre's hubs in Central London.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Details on the qualifications, experience, skills, knowledge and abilities that are needed to fulfil this role are set out below.

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| | Essential | Desirable | Tested by Application Form/Interview/Test |
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| Knowledge, Education, Qualifications and Training | | | |
| Educated to PhD level in relevant field (or near to completion). | x | | Application form/CV |
| Training in social science research methods | x | | Application form/CV |
| Skills and Abilities | | | |
| Experience of research using mixed qualitative and quantitative methods | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Experience of conducting participatory research | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Experience of quantitative data analysis | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Experience of Indigenous, local community and/or fire practitioner engagement | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Leadership in the design and execution of field-based activities | | x | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Experience of research in the Global South | | x | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Excellent interpersonal skills, with the proven ability to work across disciplines and cultural contexts, and in teams | x | | Interview |
| Excellent time management and ability to work to deadlines | x | | Interview |
| Excellent written and oral presentation skills | x | | Application form/CV |
| Experience | | | |
| Research specialism in human-environment interactions | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Research specialism in fire management / governance | | x | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Significant relevant field experience | | x | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Developing track record of high-quality academic outputs | x | | Application from/CV/Interview |
| Other requirements | | | |
| Able to commence employment on 1st September 2023 or soon after | x | | |
| Willingness to travel for fieldwork (sometimes several weeks at a time, and in challenging physical conditions) and conferences, during the | x | | |

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| period in post (as dictated by project requirements) | | | |
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