

## 1 Advertisement

**Post Title: Research Fellow Global Soldiers (Angola)**

**School/department:** Global Studies / Department of Geography

**Hours:** Full time or part time hours considered up to a maximum of 1.0 FTE. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).

**Contract:** fixed term for 36 months

**Reference:** 1885

**Salary:** Grade 7 starting at £33,199 and rising to £39,609 per annum

**Placed on:** 24 July 2019

**Closing date:** 28 August 2019. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.

**Expected interview date:** 13 September 2019

**Expected start date:** 01 January 2020

The University of Sussex is seeking to appoint a postdoctoral researcher to work on a Leverhulme Trust funded project, 'Global Soldiers in the Cold War: Making Southern Africa's Liberation Armies' (RPG-2019-198)'.

The successful candidate will join a team of researchers spanning Oxford and Sussex. The post will carry out oral historical and ethnographic research on veterans of Angolan liberation movement armies under the direction of the CI (based in Sussex), will collaborate and publish with other team members, and undertake other tasks as directed.

The post entails significant field research within Angola, as well as a majority of time spent in the UK analyzing and writing, plus international travel to present findings at conferences.

The successful candidate will have a doctorate in a relevant discipline as well as experience and language skills necessary for fieldwork in Angola. They will have a demonstrable record of publication in academia.

For full details and how to apply see our [vacancies page](#)

*The University of Sussex values the diversity of its staff and students and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.*

## 2. The School / Division

Please find further information regarding the school/division at

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/global/>

### 3. Job Description

#### Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow Global Soldiers (Angola)

**Department:** Geography

**Section/Unit/School:** Global Studies

**Location:** Arts Building C

**Grade:** 7

**Responsible to:** Co-Investigator (Sussex) Professor JoAnn McGregor through to Principal Investigator (Oxford) and Head of School Global studies (Sussex)

**Responsible for:** n/a

**Job description:** Researcher is a post-Doctoral research position. Post-holders will be expected to plan, carry out field research and write up independently, under supervision.

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#### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. To conduct research and produce research outputs for publication, with support from the Co-I and in liaison with the broader team.

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

##### 1. Research, Scholarship & Enterprise

- 1.1 With support from the Co-Investigator and PI, develop research objectives and contribute to the planning of the research project, focusing on the Angolan components thereof.
- 1.2 Conduct research in Angola under supervision of the Co-Investigator, and in collaboration with the broader team.
- 1.3 Analyse and interpret Angolan research findings and contribute to discussions among the broader team on relationships to other case studies, conclusions and outcomes.
- 1.4 Write up research findings for academic publication, for the co-authored book and in key academic journals, under the supervision of Co-I and PI.
- 1.5 Contribute to the preparation of research ethics and data management strategies, under guidance from the Co-I and Principal Investigator to ensure compliance with ethical approval and data protection legislation.
- 1.6 Present information on research progress and outcomes to relevant bodies under the supervision of the Co-I and liaison with the Principal Investigator.

- 1.7 Plan own day-to-day research activity within the framework of the agreed programme.
- 1.8 Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism, and engage in professional development.

## **2. Teaching & Student Support**

- 2.1 None. This is a full time research post.

## **3. Contribution to School & University**

- 3.1 Attend and contribute to relevant project meetings; contribute to School research events and Sussex Africa centre research seminars.
- 3.2 Undertake additional duties, as required by the Co-I, Principal Investigator and/or Head of School.

## **4. Role-specific duties**

- 4.1 Work independently on research and writing of the Angola case study of the project, with support from and under supervision of Co-I and PI
- 4.2 Manage own academic research and administrative activities. This involves small scale project management, to co-ordinate multiple aspects of work to meet deadlines
- 4.3 Adapt existing and develop new research methodologies and materials
- 4.4 Prepare working theories and analyse qualitative data from a variety of sources, reviewing and refining theories as appropriate
- 4.5 Develop ideas for generating research income, and present detailed research proposals to senior researchers
- 4.6 Collaborate in the preparation of research publications, and book chapters
- 4.7 Present papers at conferences or public meetings
- 4.8 Act as a source of information and advice to other members of the group on methodologies or procedures
- 4.9 Represent the research group at external meetings/seminars, either with other members of the group or alone
- 4.10 Carry out collaborative work with project colleagues based at the University of Sussex and Oxford
- 4.11 Participate in project meetings as required by the Co-I and PI

## **INDICATIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

- Undertake research from planning through field investigation and analysis to writing up

- Manage and analyse data, and prepare book chapters and journal articles for publication with support from Co-I and PI.
- Maintain and store project files and equipment as per health and safety and data regulations.

#### **4. Person Specification**

Hold or be near to completion of a relevant PhD/Dphil in history, anthropology, politics, human geography or a cognate discipline, together with relevant research experience

Possess the linguistic and methodological skills necessary to conduct oral historical interviews and carry out ethnographic work with veterans of Angolan liberation movements in Angola

Possess the relevant linguistic and other skills to translate Portuguese language texts and transcripts

Ability to manage own academic research and associated activities

Previous experience of contributing to publications/presentations

Ability to contribute ideas for new research projects and research income generation

Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research proposals and results, and represent the research group at meetings

#### **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

Prior history of successful publication in academic journals and books

Experience of independently managing a discrete area of a research project

Experience of website construction and management

Experience working with photographs, film and memoir

Experience of actively collaborating in the development of research articles for publication

Prior history of working with veterans organizations in Angola