UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

1 Advertisement Ref: 1930

School of Law, Politics and Sociology
Department of Law
Research Fellow
Fixed term: 6 months full time or 12 months part time
Salary range: starting £32,004 and rising to £38,183 per annum, either pro rata or full-time.
Closing date: 8 May 2017. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected start date: May 2017 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology is seeking to appoint a Research Fellow for 12 months part time (0.5fte), or 6 months full time, for a British Academy funded project on ‘Corruption, Dirty Capital and the London Property Market’.

Under the guidance of the research team – Dr Colin King, Dr Liz David-Barrett, and Prof Dan Hough - you will be required to support all stages of the research project, from the initial mapping review of policy documents and literature through to analysis of qualitative data, and to engage with a range of external stakeholders. You will be expected to contribute to the presentation of research findings and to subsequent publications.

Specific responsibilities will include: (i) gathering and analysing background information on the regulatory framework for anti-money laundering, PEPs and the real estate sector; (ii) conducting a review of relevant academic literature and policy reports; (iii) supporting the research team in liaising with the Advisory Board and arranging interviews with relevant stakeholders; (iv) organising and participating in the project conference; (v) administering the project website and other dissemination activities, e.g., social media. Additionally, you may be asked to carry out other administrative tasks as necessary over the course of the project.

You will have a background in law, politics, criminology, sociology, or a similar field. Ideally, you will have a PhD in a relevant area though that is not essential.

Informal enquiries about this post can be made to Dr Colin King (colin.king@sussex.ac.uk), Dr Liz David-Barrett (e.david-barrett@sussex.ac.uk), or Prof. Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk).

Further information about the School can be found at: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lps/. See also the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/scsc/, and the Crime Research Centre: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/crime/index.

For full details and how to apply see our vacancies page

The University of Sussex is committed to equality of opportunity
2. Senior leadership and management

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Adam Tickell) is the senior academic officer and, as Chief Executive, is responsible to the University Council for management of the University. He is supported by an executive group which includes the three Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Registrar and Secretary, the Director of Finance and the Director of Human Resources. The Heads of the Schools of Studies at Sussex report to the Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

The Registrar and Secretary heads the Professional Services of the University. In addition, under the University Statutes, the Registrar and Secretary is Secretary to the University Council. The Director of Finance reports to the Vice-Chancellor. The Director of ITS reports to the Registrar and Secretary, and the Librarian reports to one of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

3. The School / Division

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology brings together the Sussex Law School and the Departments of Politics and Sociology with around 120 teaching faculty, who are also engaged in research across the range of the disciplines. These three vibrant academic units are all committed to excellence in teaching, and they are all engaged in cutting-edge research. In both teaching and research the School engages with key issues of contemporary concern, as well as with historical, philosophical and theoretical dimensions of its subject areas. It increasingly draws on the synergies between its three related disciplines.

The Sussex Law School, which over the past few years has become one of the most successful and fastest-growing Law Schools in the UK, attracts a wide range of academic specialists and students both nationally and internationally. We pride ourselves on both the very highest academic standards and the warmth and friendliness of our School which in the last year moved into the refurbished and well-equipped Freeman Building.
4. **Job Description – Research Fellow I, Grade 7**

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**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

1. To engage in individual and/or collaborative research activity resulting in high-quality publications; and to develop research funding and knowledge exchange income individually or in collaboration with others, as appropriate, depending on the size and scope of the bid.

2. To contribute to School teaching activities if required.

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**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Research, Scholarship & Enterprise**

1.1 Develop research objectives and proposals for own or joint research, at acceptable levels, with assistance if required.

1.2 Conduct research projects individually and in collaboration with others.

1.3 Analyse and interpret research findings and draw conclusions on the outcomes.
1.4 Produce high-quality research outputs for publication in monographs or recognised high-quality journals, or performance/exhibition, as appropriate, and contribute to the School’s REF submission at acceptable levels of volume and academic excellence.

1.5 Contribute to the preparation of proposals and applications to external bodies, for example for funding purposes.

1.6 Individually or with colleagues, explore opportunities for enterprise activity, knowledge exchange income and/or consultancy, where permissible.

1.7 Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks and relevant external networks in order to form relationships and collaborations.

1.8 Continually update knowledge and understanding in field or specialism, and engage in continuous professional development.

2. Teaching & Student Support

2.1 Undertake teaching duties, if required.

2.2 Assist in the assessment of student knowledge and supervision of student projects if required.

2.3 Assist in the development of student research skills, for example as part of a postgraduate supervision team, if required.

2. Contribution to School & University

2.1 Attend and contribute to relevant School and project meetings.

2.2 Undertake additional duties, as required by the Principal Investigator and/or Head of School.

3. Role-specific duties

3.1 Providing research assistance to the ‘Corruption, Dirty Capital and the London Property Market’ research team;

3.2 Mapping out relevant literature and policy documents;

3.3 Organising research interviews;

3.4 Co-ordinating the meetings of the Advisory Board;

3.5 Contributing to presentation and publication of research findings;

3.6 Organising the project workshop/conference;

3.7 Administering the project website and engaging on social media;

3.8 Other administrative tasks that may arise during the course of the project.
This Job Description sets out current duties of the post that may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the post or the level of responsibility entailed.

INDICATIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- A PhD or equivalent scholarly or relevant professional activity
- Pursuing a line of independent research within a research group.
- Publishing research (either from a recently completed PhD or new original research).
- Other forms of externally recognised professional practice of creative output of a standing equivalent to regular publication of original research.
- Initiating, developing or participating in links between the University and external bodies such as business and industry, the professions, community organisations and policy-makers.
5. Person Specification

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

1. Normally educated to doctoral level, or other equivalent qualification, or appropriate level of experience, as appropriate to the discipline (see role-specific criteria below).

2. Evidence of engagement in high-quality research activity.

3. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with students, colleagues and external audiences.

4. Ability to work individually on own initiative and without close supervision, and as part of a team.

5. Ability to exercise a degree of innovation and creative problem-solving.

6. Excellent organisational and administrative skills.

7. Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.

8. Excellent IT skills.

ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Experience of analysing corruption and anti-corruption, illicit financial flows, anti-money laundering, or related issues.

2. Background in law, politics, criminology, sociology, or a related field

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

1. Emerging track record of high-quality publications in reputable journals and other appropriate media of similar standing.

2. Experience of generating research or knowledge exchange income.

DESIRABLE ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Hold a PhD or other equivalent qualification in Law, Sociology, Politics or another relevant social science;

2. Experience of carrying out qualitative research;

3. Experience of analysing interviews, including use of coding software such as NVivo or similar.

4. Experience of organising conferences or workshops.