1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Fellow

School/department: University of Sussex Business School
Hours: 0.75 FTE / 28 hours per week
Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Contract: Fixed-term for 12 months
Reference: 6429
Salary: £33,797 to £40,322 per annum, pro rata if part time
Placed on: 20 July 2021
Closing date: 10 August 2021 Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected Interview date: TBC
Expected start date: 1 October 2021 (flexible)

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Please contact Dr Sonja Fagernas for informal enquiries: s.a.e.fagernas@sussex.ac.uk

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 at: [https://www.sussex.ac.uk/business-school/](https://www.sussex.ac.uk/business-school/)

3. **Job Description**

Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow

**Department:** Economics

**Section/Unit/School:** University of Sussex Business School

**Location:** Jubilee Building

**Grade:** 7

**Responsible to:** Principal Investigator, Dr Sonja Fagernas

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**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

To engage in collaborative research activity resulting in high-quality publications.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1.1 Undertake data and econometric analysis in collaboration with the team.

1.2 Participate in research design and analyse and interpret research findings and draw conclusions on the outcomes.

1.3 Participate in the writing of high-quality research outputs, initially in the form of working papers, ultimately aimed at publication in recognised high-quality journals.

1.4 Collaborate with the research team members and support the team in meeting project deliverables.

1.5 Build contacts and participate in relevant external networks in order to form relationships and collaborations. Present research findings, where appropriate.

*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.*
PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential criteria for the position are

- A PhD (obtained at the time of the appointment) in Economics or a closely related field.
- Strong data management and econometric skills, including experience working with large data sets, and ideally policy evaluation and spatial data.
- Fluency or working knowledge in Spanish.
- Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines.
- Ability to work as part of a team.

Additional criteria

- Ability to travel for a possible short research visit subject to COVID restrictions.
- Experience/knowledge of education systems and policies in the Latin American context.