1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Fellow in Trade for Sustainable Development
School/department: LPS/Law
Hours: Full time or part time hours considered up to a maximum of 37.5 hours per week. Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Contract: fixed term for 12 months
Reference: 6556
Salary: £33,797 to £40,322 per annum, pro rata if part time
Placed on: 03 August 2021
Closing date: 03 September 2021. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected interview date: ASAP
Expected start date: ASAP

The University of Sussex invites applications for a Research Fellow in Trade for Sustainable Development in the Sussex Law School. The Research Fellow will investigate EU Free Trade Agreement provisions relevant to agriculture and environment. They will also work closely with the UK Trade Policy Observatory (UKTPO), an independent expert group that undertakes primary research and initiates, comments on and analyses trade policy choices and outcomes. The UKTPO has a very high profile in public debate and good contacts with branches of government dealing with Brexit and with International Trade.

Sussex Law School, based within the School of Law, Politics and Sociology, seeks researchers with outstanding potential to work in a dynamic research-intensive department with a vibrant research culture.

Candidates should demonstrate potential to conduct high quality research in the law of international trade and integration and to be able to communicate this clearly in writing and verbally. They should also have a strong and proven interest in trade policy. Being able to work closely with colleagues in a fast-moving and exciting area is important.

Please contact Emily Lydgate, Senior Lecturer in Law and Deputy Director of the UK Trade Policy Observatory at e.lydgate@sussex.ac.uk / uktpo@sussex.ac.uk for informal enquiries.

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 of Law, Politics and Sociology at [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lps/](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lps/)

Details about Sussex Law School are at: [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/)

UKTPO’s activities can be seen on its website: [https://blogs.sussex.ac.uk/uktpo/](https://blogs.sussex.ac.uk/uktpo/) and on Twitter @uk_tpo

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow in Trade for Sustainable Development

**Department: Law/ UK Trade Policy Observatory**

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

**Location: Freeman Building, Falmer Campus**

**Grade: 7**

**Responsible to:** Co-Investigator through to Head of School

**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

1. To engage in individual and/or collaborative research activity resulting in high-quality publications and/or high impact/engagement; and to develop research funding and knowledge exchange income individually or in collaboration with others.

**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 Contribute to the production of high-quality research outputs for publication.

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

3. Contribution to School & University

3.1 Attend and contribute to relevant School and project meetings.

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

4. Role-specific duties

4.1 The post holder will be expected to develop a close familiarity with EU trade policies and Agreements, as well as EU and WTO trade practices across environmental regulation and cooperation. In particular, this includes familiarity with EU Trade and Environment chapters in Free Trade Agreements. It also requires familiarity with the EU Farm to Fork Strategy.

4.2 Be up to date and contribute to the academic literature studying the impact of EU Trade and Environment FTA chapters, as well as the way that agricultural issues intersect with environmental cooperation. This will include analysis of the trade policy responses to agricultural deforestation, climate change and land and water degradation.

4.3 Undertake qualitative analysis of the implementation of EU FTA chapters, including through conducting interviews with key stakeholders both in the EU and partner countries.

4.4 Locate and analyse international trade agreements, primarily EU FTAs, including their relationship to WTO law.

4.5 Conduct and document empirical work in accordance with best practice.

4.6 Write and present clearly and precisely at each of several levels: in blog-posts and op-eds for non-experts, Briefing Papers for a policy audience, and Working Papers for the research community.

4.7 Engage positively and constructively with Law colleagues, UKTPO colleagues and other colleagues from related disciplines – notably economics and international relations, as well as researchers from project partners at other institutions.
4.8 Remain well informed about the ongoing debate as it relates to European external policy, with a view to identifying issues on which UKTPO expertise might be useful.

4.9 Engage with the press and other media as 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 level of responsibility entailed.

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.

ESSENTIAL ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Proficiency in legal and treaty analysis.

2. Excellent knowledge of methods and techniques applied in the fields of international trade and trade policy.

3. Ability to write clearly for different audiences

4. Familiarity with the basic rules and framework for international trade as established in the World Trade Organisation.
DESIirable ROLE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Familiarity with EU environmental policy and regulation.

2. Evidence of good communication of technical subjects with non-technical audiences.

3. Interest in the practice of trade policy and in the trade aspects of EU external relations.

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

5. Experience of generating research or knowledge exchange.

6. Ability to undertake teaching duties, if required.