1 Advertisement

Post Title: Research Fellow in International Development
School/department: School of Global Studies / International Development
Hours: Full or part time hours considered between 0.5 FTE (2 years) and 1.0FTE (1 year). Requests for flexible working options will be considered (subject to business need).
Contract: fixed term for 12 months
Reference: 7124
Salary: £34,304 - £40,927 per annum, pro rata if part time
Placed on: 29 October 2021
Closing date: 26 November 2021. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.
Expected start date: 01 February 2022

Applications are invited for a 12-month 1.0FTE position as a Research Fellow in International Development based in the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex.

This post will involve under the supervision of Dr Paul Gilbert on the ESRC-funded project ‘Development consultants and contractors: for-profit companies in the changing world of ‘Aidland’.

The project is a collaboration with Cambridge, Nottingham and UEA, led by Professor Emma Mawdsley (Cambridge).

Core responsibilities will include compiling a database of tenders, payments and contractual relations between the UK government and for-profit contractors in receipt of funds earmarked for aid and development.

Additional responsibilities will include analysing contracts signed between the UK government and for-profit firms in receipt of aid money, and depositing data for archiving in accordance with ESRC requirements.

The successful candidate will have the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team and without close supervision; and will work on co-authored publications produced with the project team.

Applicants will have a strong understanding of international development public-private relationships in development; and have a PhD in International Development or related subject areas.

Please contact Dr Paul Robert Gilbert (p.gilbert@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/division at http://www.sussex.ac.uk/development/

3. Job Description

Job Description for the post of: Research Fellow in International Development

Department: Department of International Development

Section/Unit/School: School of Global Studies

Location: School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, Falmer, BN1 9SJ

Grade: Grade 7 (33)

Responsible to: Dr Paul Robert Gilbert, Senior Lecturer in International Development

Job Title: Research Fellow in International Development

Grade: Research Fellow I, Grade 7

School: School of Global Studies

Location: University of Sussex, Falmer Campus

Responsible to: Dr Paul Gilbert through to Head of School, Professor Elizabeth Harrison

Role description: Research Fellow I is an early career-grade research position. Post-holders will be expected to contribute to the work of the research team, and also to develop their research skills with support from more experienced members of staff.

This 12-month post will involve working with Dr Paul Gilbert on the ESRC-funded project ‘Development consultants and contractors: for-profit companies in the changing world of Aidland’. The project is a collaboration with Cambridge, Nottingham and UEA, led by Professor Emma Mawdsley (Cambridge). We are happy to discuss arrangements for part-time and flexible working, pro rata, subject to discussion. For further information on the post, please contact p.gilbert@sussex.ac.uk

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES
1. **Research, Scholarship & Enterprise**

1.1 Carry out research in line with the objectives of the research project ‘Development consultants and contractors: for-profit companies in the changing world of ‘Aidland’’

1.2 To work collaboratively with the research project team

1.3 Analyse and interpret research findings and draw conclusions on the outcomes.

1.4 Produce high-quality research outputs as part of agreed publication strategy for the research project (including the chance of at least one single-authored submission), and co-author outputs for publication in monographs or recognised high-quality journals with the project team

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

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

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 Compile a database of tenders, payments and contractual relations between the UK government and for-profit contractors in receipt of funds earmarked for aid and development;

3.2 Analyse the contents of the contracts signed between the UK government and for-profit firms in receipt of aid money;

3.3 Submit Freedom of Information Requests where necessary;

3.4 Deposit data for archiving in accordance with ESRC requirements;

3.5 Work on collaboratively authored publications with the project team
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. PhD (or equivalent scholarly/research experience) in International Development / Development Studies, Geography, Sociology, Science and Technology Studies, Political Economy or similar;

2. Strong understanding of international development and in particular the relationship between public and private sector organizations in international aid;

3. Capacity to conduct critical financial analysis and ability to conduct data ethnography;

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

5. Demonstrates self-awareness, in terms of understanding their own culture, identity, biases, prejudices, power, privilege and stereotypes;

6. Demonstrates willingness to challenge and change institutional practices that present barriers to different groups;

7. Excellent organisational and administrative skills;

8. Excellent presentation skills, with the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with students, colleagues and external audiences;
DESI RABLE 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.
3. Familiarity with database management
4. Experience with both quantitative and qualitative approaches to research