

Candidate Information

Position:	PCAN Policy Fellow
School/Department:	School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
Reference:	19/107475
Closing Date:	Monday 10 June 2019
Salary:	£33,199 per annum pro rata
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 3 July 2019
Duration:	24 months

JOB PURPOSE:

The Centre for the Study of Risk and Inequality/School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics seeks to appoint a dynamic Policy Fellow to play a leading role in the design and implementation of the ESRC-funded Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN) project.

This is a part-time post, 0.8 FTE, for 24 months.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Identify and maintain a network of relevant Belfast-based organisations and individuals on energy and climate policy.
2. Contribute to establishing and management of the Belfast Energy Transition and Climate Commission.
3. Contribute to the formulation and delivery of the PCAN objectives, working across the network and collaborating closely with PCAN partners in London, Edinburgh and Leeds.
4. Build and maintain a network of relationships on UK climate and energy policy, particularly among UK researchers, at the sub-national level and in the private sector.
5. Manage a demand-driven, impact-oriented programme of work on place-based climate action in the UK, supporting in particular PCAN's sustainable finance platform.
6. Conduct rigorous analysis to inform public, private and third-sector decisions on climate change action at the national and subnational level.
7. Lead on, or contribute to, decision-relevant outputs and activities, including briefing papers, reports, presentations, workshops and public events.
8. Help to create cohesion within the PCAN team and coordinate activities across its four locations.
9. Contribute to the management and administration of the network, e.g. related to meetings and the flexible fund.
10. Assist with the preparation of grant proposals and other fund-raising activities to leverage the existing ESRC funding.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. A PhD or post-graduate degree in climate policy, energy policy, environmental policy, public policy, economics, business, finance or a related field.
2. Experience in project management, ideally including the management of teams in different locations.
3. Knowledge and understanding of UK climate policy and practice, its application to Northern Ireland, with a focus on local and/or private sector action.
4. Strong analytical skills with the ability to produce high-quality analysis in a timely manner, including ability to analyse and research complex ideas and apply appropriate methodologies.
5. Knowledge and understanding of UK climate policy and practice, its application to Northern Ireland, with a focus on local and/or private sector action.
6. Knowledge and understanding of local government in Northern Ireland in relation to energy transition and climate policy.
7. Excellent use of written and spoken English.
8. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral, with the ability to communicate technical sustainability issues to different audiences (superficially public sector, finance and community sector).

9. Willingness to work as part of a team within the Centre for the Study of Risk and Inequality and School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and the ESRC-funded Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN).
10. Willingness and available to spend time in the other PCAN locations (London, Edinburgh, Leeds).
11. Ability to work independently with limited supervision as and when required.
12. Ability to act on own initiative and identify opportunities.
13. This project requires a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above. While based in Belfast, there is a clear expectation that this role will involve spending time in the other PCAN locations (London, Edinburgh, Leeds).

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience in conducting practitioner- or policy-oriented analysis on UK climate policy, ideally from local, finance or private sector angle.
2. Existing network of climate change contacts in the public, private and third sectors.
3. Successful track record of fundraising, including grant Applications.