



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	School of Natural and Built Environment
Reference:	23/110948
Closing Date:	Monday 5 June 2023
Salary:	£36,333 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 21 June 2023
Duration:	Fixed Term 36 months, or available until 31/12/2026, whichever is sooner

JOB PURPOSE:

The Post-doctoral fellow will contribute to the delivery of two EU-funded social science projects at QUB. PERMAGOV is a 4-year Horizon Europe marine social science project. PERMAGOV aims to contribute to the realisation of the EU Green Deal objectives by improving the implementation and performance of EU marine policies. Through 9 case studies, PERMAGOV aims to enhance the capability of a variety of marine sectors to contribute to EU Green Deal goals. EmpowerUs is a 3-year Horizon Europe marine social science project that will work with coastal communities in 6 living labs to develop social innovations to address persistent coastal issues and enable communities to better benefit from the marine economy. Through the development of community interventions and innovations, the EmpowerUs project will enable coastal communities to act for change and transition towards sustainable, inclusive and resilient coastal developments.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake research under the supervision of PI and/or CI within the projects.
2. Design, develop, and refine research using a range of social science methods. Conduct primary data collection with individuals and groups.
3. Review literature on offshore renewable energy, coastal and marine planning, and community development
4. Review marine spatial plans and other policies related to coastal development in Ireland, UK and France.
5. Draft working papers, reports, policy briefs, reporting on the outcomes of the projects.
6. Carry out occasional educational supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
7. Act as an assistant supervisor to any PhDs recruited to the project.
8. Undertake supplementary duties relevant to the success of the projects including administrative duties and additional training and development activities as required.
9. Track and report on the impact of the project to funders, policymakers and stakeholders.
10. Attend project meetings, including outside Northern Ireland.
11. Organise and lead workshops in case study areas.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a relevant area (e.g. environmental planning/policy, urban planning, human geography, sociology, community development).
2. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include:
 - Experience of using both quantitative and qualitative research methods,
 - Demonstrable experience in collecting, analysing and reporting primary social science data.
 - Strong track record of research communication and dissemination.
3. Experience of outreach and/or stakeholder engagement during research projects.
4. Flexibility and willingness to adapt to new tasks and activities.
5. Ability to communicate complex information in English effectively in oral and written format.
6. Ability to build relationships to develop internal and external networks.
7. Commitment to continuous professional development.

8. Demonstrable ability to work independently with a high level of self-motivation while also working to support a wider team.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. MSc in a related field (e.g. environmental planning/ policy, human geography, sociology).
2. Have experience of policy analysis, preferably using recognised systematic approaches.
3. Experience of working in a policy making environment.
4. Experience in comparative analysis.
5. At least one, peer-reviewed journal article as lead author.
6. Publications on marine, coastal or energy topics.
7. Demonstrable experience of working effectively as part of a larger research team.
8. Experience of using different medias to communicate research findings to non-academic audiences.
9. Knowledge of Irish and/or UK marine governance processes.
10. Basic French language competency.
11. Knowledge of e-governance solutions.
12. Experience of assisting with teaching environmental planning/policy topics.
13. Experience of working with research users and developing research impact.
14. Demonstrable experience in drafting reports for stakeholder communities.
15. Have undertaken project management training.