



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Assistant in Law
School/Department:	School of Law
Reference:	26/113187
Closing Date:	Monday 30 March 2026
Salary:	£41,519 - £49,536 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Wednesday 15 April 2026
Duration:	This post is available for 3 years or until 30 April 2029, whichever is soonest.

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research team assisting in the development of the research project and the planning and delivery of the research activity on the British Academy Global Professor project on The EU's new frontiers of human rights at work: exploring and assessing how the EU uses international labour and human rights to address green, trade and supply-chain concerns. The post-holder will be resident in Belfast, be fully part of the QUB Law Department and work closely with the British Academy Global Professor, Claire Kilpatrick.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop, plan and undertake research under supervision within the British Academy Global Professor project.
2. Design, develop, conduct and write up field research within the scope of the project.
3. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
4. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
5. Prepare, often in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
6. Assist grant holder in the preparation of project workshops.
7. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project/s to ensure that project/s are completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
8. Carry out occasional undergraduate supervision, demonstrating or lecturing duties within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of academic staff.
9. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or about to obtain a relevant PhD.
2. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include:
 - Advanced knowledge of EU law, especially labour and human rights, trade and environmental law, sustainable supply chain legislation and external relations.
 - Capacity to design and conduct fieldwork.
3. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
4. They will possess organisational and social skills to build and sustain project activities and networks, support project visitors and liaise where appropriate with the Project Board.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
6. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.

8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Ability to assess and organise resources.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Languages other than English, Italian or French.