

### THE POST

College: College of Mathematics, Engineering and Physical Sciences

Post: Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Reference No: P65398

Grade: F

HERA: RFEL

Reporting To: Professor Slobodan Djordjevic

Responsible For: ENRICH project

**Job Description** 

## Main purpose of the job:

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will participate in ENRICH (ENhancing ResllienCe to future Hydrometeorological extremes in the Mun river basin in Northeast of Thailand) project that started on 1 October 2018. A team of researchers from the University of Exeter and the Asian Institute of Technology will develop an innovative framework that integrates climate and hydrological modelling to improve the understanding of hydro-meteorological hazard impacts, focusing on drought.

The aim of this 2.5-year project is to understand the impact of the combined stressors of climate variability, climate change and land-use change on hydro-meteorological extremes in the Mun River Basin and to recommend adaptation measures to enable sustainable management of water resources and improve water security in the coming decades.

Our partner on this project is the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand – an international institution of higher education and research that specializes in engineering, advanced technologies, and management and planning. AIT is ranked global best of all Thai universities in three subjects (Civil and Structural Engineering, Environmental Sciences and Computer Science and Information Systems) by QS Rankings.

## Main duties and accountabilities:

- 1. To undertake research as appropriate to the field of study. The responsibilities may include all or some of the following:
  - Developing research objectives, projects and proposals;
  - Conducting individual or collaborative research projects;
  - Identifying sources of funding and contributing to the process of securing funds;
  - Extending, transforming and applying knowledge acquired from scholarship to research and appropriate external activities;
  - Writing or contributing to publications or disseminating research findings using media appropriate to the discipline;
  - Making presentations at conferences or exhibiting work in other appropriate events;
  - Assessing, interpreting and evaluating outcomes of research;
  - Developing new concepts and ideas to extend intellectual understanding;
  - Resolving problems of meeting research objectives and deadlines;
  - Developing ideas for generating income and promoting research area;
  - Developing ideas for application of research outcomes;

- Deciding on /following research programmes and methodologies, often in collaboration with colleagues and sometimes subject to the approval of the head of the research programme on fundamental issues.
- 2. To contribute to teaching and learning programmes in the School and to supervise postgraduate research students.
- 3. To act as research team leader including:
  - Mentoring colleagues with less experience and advising on their professional development;
  - Coaching and supporting colleagues in developing their research techniques;
  - Supervising the work of others, for example in research teams or projects;
  - Developing productive working relationships with other members of staff;
  - Co-ordinating the work of colleagues to ensure equitable access to resources and facilities;
  - Dealing with standard problems and help colleagues to resolve their concerns about progress in research.
- 4. To routinely communicate complex and conceptual ideas to those with limited knowledge as well as to peers using high level skills and a range of media and to present the results of scientific research to sponsors and at conferences.
- 5. As determined by the nature of the project and at the direction of the PI, to plan, co-ordinate and implement research programme activity including:
  - Monitoring and reporting on the use of research budgets;
  - Helping to plan and implement commercial and consultancy activities.

This job description summarises the main duties and accountabilities of the post and is not comprehensive: the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties of similar level and responsibility. Please visit the Human Resources website to view the Research Fellow role profiles.

# **Person Specification**

Competency	Essential	Desirable
Attainments/Qualifications	PhD or equivalent qualification/experience in a related field of study.	Be a nationally recognised authority in the subject area.
Skills and Understanding	Possess sufficient specialist knowledge in the discipline to develop/follow research programmes and methodologies.  Record of research output in high	
Prior Experience	quality publications.  Experience of managing research projects.	Experience of undergraduate / postgraduate teaching and supervision.
Behavioural Characteristics	Excellent written and verbal communication skills.  Able to communicate complex and conceptual ideas to a range of groups.	Able to identify sources of funding, generate income, obtain consultancy projects, or build relationships for future activities.
	Evidence of the ability to collaborate actively within the Institution and externally to complete research projects and advance thinking.	
	Able to participate in and develop external networks.	
	Able to balance the pressures of research, administrative demands and competing deadlines.	

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