

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Anthropology/Public Health/Development Studies	Grade:	AC2
Department:	FES/NRI/LID	Date of Job Evaluation:	
Role reports to:	Dr Pamela Katic		
Direct Reports			
Indirect Reports:	Dr Lora Forsythe, Professor Vegard Iversen		
Other Key contacts:	Partner staff at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Instituto de Investigacion Nutricional, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru and Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonia Peruana.		
This role profile is non-contractual and provided for guidance. It will be updated and amended from time to time in accordance with the changing needs of the University and the requirements of the job.			

PURPOSE OF ROLE:

To design and implement a study, including fieldwork and mixed-method data analysis, regarding the “Intercultural models to improve nutrition and health of indigenous populations through gender-sensitive agroforestry practices in Peru” project under the Newton Programme, funded by MRC.

The Livelihoods and Institutions Department at NRI requires a researcher in medical anthropology/sociology, or development studies/social science in a health-related area to contribute to activities on a project researching the livelihoods, natural resource management, gender, nutrition and health of indigenous groups in the Peruvian Amazon. This interdisciplinary project will use participatory approaches and intercultural models to co-develop gender-sensitive agroforestry options with the potential to sustainably address high levels of chronic undernutrition and anaemia in indigenous populations.

The role holder will work alongside a team of researchers in the UK and Peru on various work activities such as:

- Developing and implementing a participatory community-based appraisal of gender and socio-ecological contexts and social norms
- Developing and conducting a household survey of perceptions of local biodiversity contributing to food security across seasons
- Developing and implementing an observational study to evaluate the influence of specific agroforestry practices, use of local biodiversity, and gender, socioeconomic and cultural factors in household decision-making on maternal and child dietary adequacy, anthropometric outcomes, and anaemia status

This role will require extended trips to Peru (approx. four trips of 2-3 months duration each)

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:**Team Specific:**

- Carry out scientific research to a high standard
- Carry out stakeholder and household interviews
- Assist in the development of context-specific, interdisciplinary, participatory appraisal tools that facilitate a social learning process between the researchers and indigenous communities
- Assist in the analysis and collection of data on maternal time use, food-related sociocultural and gender norms, and personal and external food environments to analyse their interaction to influence nutrition and health outcomes

Generic:

- Research: To maintain high professional standing within the discipline and to develop further their research skills, disseminated primarily in refereed academic journals
- Represent the University at project meetings with partners
- Take part in Faculty activities as required

Managing Self

- Be able to work effectively overseas as part of a multicultural scientific team
- Be able to work both as part of a team and independently
- Be able to coordinate with collaborators to perform the experiments required
- Be familiar with key literature and be able to identify literature in areas that are less familiar
- Work independently to achieve deadlines
- Regularly communicate progress to identified parties

Core Requirements

- Adhere to and promote the University's policies on Equality and Diversity and Inclusion and Information Security
- Ensure compliance with Health & Safety regulations
- Support and promote the University's Sustainability policies, including the Carbon Management Plan, and carry out duties in a resource efficient way, recognising the shared responsibility of minimising the university's negative environmental impacts wherever possible

Additional Requirements:

- Travel to Peru for fieldwork activities and meetings and attend conferences occasionally as required
- Membership of the University of Greenwich Early Career Research Initiative (if relevant)

- Undertake such other duties as may reasonably be requested

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

- Meet project deadlines, including deadlines for data preparation and analysis, publications, presentations, research group meetings, etc., within agreed timelines and targets
- Development of and familiarity with relevant literature
- Publication of research findings in international peer-reviewed journals
- Work effectively with project partners to produce research outputs

KEY RELATIONSHIPS (Internal & External):

- Academic colleagues
- Head of Department
- NRI administrative and technical staff
- Project partners
- Project stakeholders
- Research community in area of subject specialism

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential	Desirable
<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven track record of compiling and analysing data using state-of-the art participatory methods in the field of medical anthropology/sociology or development studies/social science in a health-related area • Familiarity with quantitative (SPSS, STATA, and qualitative (Atlas ti., Nvivo) software • Familiarity with concepts related to gender issues and gender norms in agricultural/natural resource management, and experience conducting gender analysis • Familiarity with qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research 	<p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of fieldwork in the Amazon • Experience with stakeholder engagement

<p>approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research experience in low income countries <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to conduct fieldwork in Spanish • Proven strong qualitative/ethnographic research skills • Proven ability to work collaboratively across disciplinary boundaries • Proven ability to carry out scientific research • Evidence of ability to publish <p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD in a relevant area e.g., medical anthropology/sociology, social science, public health, development studies <p>Personal attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking for people who can help us deliver the values of the University of Greenwich: Excellence, Determination, Inclusivity, Ambition and Creativity • Excellent interpersonal skills • Complete independent work successfully, with minimal guidance 	<p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native or fluent Spanish speaker <p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Personal attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
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