



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
Recruitment Role Profile Form

Job Title: Research Assistant/Associate/Fellow

School/Department: The Rights Lab (Beacon of Excellence) and the School of Geography

Job Family and Level: R&T level 4

Contract Status: Fixed Term until 30 June 2018

Hours of Work: Full time, 36.25h per week

Location: University Park Campus

Reporting to: Dr. Doreen S Boyd, Associate Professor and Reader (University of Nottingham).

Purpose of the Role:

This role is part of the University’s Rights Lab Beacon of Excellence, which is delivering research to help end contemporary slavery. Working as part of a multi-university team (The University of Nottingham and Royal Holloway, University of London), the Research Associate/Fellow will work under the supervision of Dr. Doreen S Boyd (University of Nottingham) and Professor Katherine Brickell (Royal Holloway, University of London). The RA will support research on the relationship between modern slavery, environmental destruction and climate change. This research arises through a collaboration between the Rights Lab Beacon at the University of Nottingham (<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/world/beacons/rights-lab/>)

and ESRC-DFID funded research at the Department of Geography, Royal Holloway of London on the climate change-modern slavery nexus in the Cambodian construction industry (www.projectbloodbricks.org, access password: bloodbricks).

The Research Associate/Fellow will complete:

1. A State of the Art Literature Review for a policy audience on modern slavery, environmental destruction and climate change (20,000 words).
2. Co-write academic journal articles for submission on modern slavery, environmental destruction and climate change.
3. Organise a one-day academic workshop on modern slavery, environmental destruction and climate change for June 6, 2018 at Royal Holloway, University of London, 11 Bedford Square, London.

Main Responsibilities	
1	To gather, analyse and illuminate data, interpret reports, evaluate and criticise texts and bring new insights to research area.
2	To write up research work for publication, resulting in successful research outputs.
3	To build relationships with both internal and external contacts in order to exchange information, to form relationships for future collaborations and identify potential sources of funds and/or opportunities for collaboration.
10	To help the project lead integrate the project’s various multidisciplinary research strands by enabling and coordinating collaborations.

12	To plan and manage own writing activity and resolve problems, if required, in meeting own/team research objectives and deadlines in collaboration with the multi-university team.
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Knowledge, Skills, Qualifications & Experience

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications/ Education	<p>A PhD in a relevant field (awarded or pending) or equivalent research experience (environmental change and/or modern slavery)</p> <p>Academic publications in relevant journals or research-led policy reports</p>	
Skills/Training	<p>Knowledge and experience of the academic - practitioner interface.</p> <p>Excellent communication, networking and interpersonal skills.</p> <p>Ability to manage a demanding workload and work to tight deadlines.</p>	<p>An interest in human rights.</p> <p>Familiarity with the topic of modern slavery.</p> <p>Familiarity with the topic of environmental change in the Anthropocene (in particular climate change).</p>
Experience	<p>Experience of delivering varied research projects and outputs.</p> <p>Experience in coordinating and managing internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>Experience in interacting with academics and practitioners at various levels of seniority in their organisations.</p>	