



Job title	Research Fellow	Job family and level	Research and Teaching Level 4
School/ Department	Politics and International Relations	Location	University Park

Purpose of role

The research fellow will work on a project entitled “Coordinating against the coronavirus: assessing the determinants and consequences of policy coordination in multi-level states of the G7”. The project is funded by a grant from the British Academy programme “Pandemic preparedness: Lessons to Learn from the Covid-19 across the G7”. The research associate will provide support to the research team (Dr Simon Toubeau, University of Nottingham, Dr Hanna Kleider, King’s College London, and Prof. Francesco Palermo, Institute for Comparative Federalism, EURAC Research). The contract is for two days a week (0.4 FTE) for 9 months (1 October 2023-31 July 2024). The post-holder will work with the research team to undertake a project studying the determinants and consequences of policy coordination between central and regional governments in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The scope of the project covers the countries of the G7 over a 24-month period (January 2020-December 2021). You can read more about the project [here](#).

	Main responsibilities	% time per year
1	Collect and analyse primary and secondary source evidence on coordination of public health policies	12%
2	Develop and apply an index of policy coordination to countries of the G7	12%
3	Compile and produce a dataset of country profiles and timeline of policy coordination	12%
4	Gather literature, collect and analyse data for drafting two academic articles	12%
5	Support the writing-up of two policy briefs and a project report	12%
6	Organise interviews with policy-makers (elected officials, civil servants, special advisers)	10%
7	Support research team in preparing questionnaire and transcribing interviews.	10%
8	Produce and deposit the datasets in data repository.	10%
9	Support research team and liaise with impact partners (Institute for Government) and research partners (the Institute for Comparative Federalism, EURAC Research) in organising one outreach event and two impact events	10%

Person specification

	Essential	Desirable
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent research skills ▪ Conducting research both independently and collaboratively. ▪ Gathering and analysing primary and secondary sources ▪ Excellent analytical skills: ability to analyse and illuminate data, critically evaluate texts and reports ▪ Excellent oral and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate with clarity on complex information. ▪ Ability to build relationships and collaborate with others, both internally and externally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skills for drafting academic articles and non-academic briefs and reports ▪ Ability to creatively apply relevant research approaches, models, techniques and methods.
Knowledge and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge of one or more of the substantive research themes (comparative federalism, intergovernmental relations, public policy, public administration, ▪ Experience of managing bibliographical software ▪ Good working knowledge of one or more other European languages (French, German, Italian) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience working with the development and application of indices. ▪ Experience using one or more of the following: statistical analysis, qualitative-comparative analysis (QCA) and case-study analysis.
Qualifications , certification and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD or equivalent in relevant subject area political science, comparative politics, public policy and public administration. 	



Expectations and behaviours

The University has developed a clear set of core expectations and behaviours that our people should be demonstrating in their work, and as ambassadors of the University's strategy, vision and values. The following are essential to the role:

Valuing people	Is friendly, engaging and receptive, putting others at ease. Actively listens to others and goes out of way to ensure people feel valued, developed and supported.
Taking ownership	Is clear on what needs to be done encouraging others to take ownership. Takes action when required, being mindful of important aspects such as Health & Safety, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, and other considerations.
Forward thinking	Drives the development, sharing and implementation of new ideas and improvements to support strategic objectives. Engages others in the improvement process.
Professional pride	Is professional in approach and style, setting an example to others; strives to demonstrate excellence through development of self, others and effective working practices.
Always inclusive	Builds effective working relationships, recognising and including the contribution of others; promotes inclusion and inclusive practices within own work area.

Key relationships with others

