

JOB DESCRIPTION

Vacancy reference:	SRF33148
Post Title:	David Robins Research Fellow in Urban Geography
Grade:	Grade 6
School/Department:	School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Science
Reports to:	Head of Department of Geography and Environmental Science
Responsible for:	

Purpose

This fellowship has been enabled by a generous bequest from the family of David Robins, an alumnus of the Geography Department at the University of Reading who had a distinguished career in town and regional planning, as both an academic and practitioner.

The fellowship will run for 12 months, starting between 1st October 2020 and 1st January 2021.

This fellowship holder will develop their research agenda in any area of urban geography, in any spatial context in the Global South and/or North. Ideally there will be a focus on research that connects with and builds on current research in the Department of Geography and Environmental Science. Up to £3,000 is available to support research and professional development activities during the fellowship.

The post-holder is expected to carry out limited teaching duties in the Department and will be supported in this as part of their professional development. These duties will not exceed an average of 6 hours per week (pro rata for part-time staff), including contact hours, training, preparation, marking and examination duties.

Main duties and responsibilities

The post-holder will:

- Collaborate with colleagues in the development of original research.
- Contribute to the development of research proposals and projects as self-contained items or as part of a broader programme.
- Contribute to the writing of papers for publication in leading academic journals and other relevant media.
- Carry out independent research.
- Disseminate research findings and establish a national reputation through participation in national conferences, exhibitions etc.
- Prepare and deliver lectures, seminars and tutorials within an established programme, typically at undergraduate level, for which other members of academic staff retain overall responsibility.
- Set, mark and assess student coursework and examinations, providing timely and useful feedback to students.

Role holders are not expected to carry out all of the activities described above all of the time. The precise balance of activities will be agreed with the Head of Department and may vary.

Supervision received

The Fellow will be assigned a mentor who will provide advice, guidance and opportunities for research collaboration. Applicants are strongly encouraged to specify who they would like to act as mentor at the point of application and to discuss potential collaborations with members of staff in the Department of Geography and Environmental Science in advance of this.

The post holder will report to the Head of Department and also receive guidance from the research leadership post-holders in the relevant research cluster or division, the Head of School and the School Director of Teaching and Learning. The Department of Geography and Environmental Science is a sociable and supportive place, with a good record for collaborative working, both within and outside the School. The post-holder will find willing collaborators in innovative research across the University.

Contact

Liaison with colleagues, within and beyond the University of Reading, in related academic fields, and with colleagues in teaching support offices and central departments dealing with student-related matters such as assessment and module development. The post-holder will be encouraged to develop links with external bodies and stakeholders relevant to their research.

Terms and conditions

This post is fixed term, for 12 months on a full time basis. We welcome applications from people who would prefer to work part time or flexibly, potentially over a longer period than 12 months. There are no specified hours of work but you will be required to work such hours as are necessary to carry out duties associated with the post. Overtime is not payable.

This document outlines the duties required for the time being of the post to indicate the level of responsibility. It is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list and the Head of Department may vary duties from time to time which do not change the general character of the job or the level of responsibility entailed.

The University aspires to be an "Employer of Choice" and recognises that success is not simply determined by a competitive suite of terms and conditions of service, but by fostering a working environment that protects the physical and mental well-being of its staff. Full details of the University's Health and Well-being policy are available from through the University Human Resources website.

The University is committed to work-life balance and supportive of flexible working arrangements. The University supports its staff in many other ways:

- Its Centre for Quality Support and Development;
- Its excellent Nursery facilities;
- Its SportsPark;



The School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Science was awarded an Athena SWAN Silver award in 2016, in recognition of its good employment practices in relation to women working in science, engineering and technology (SET). The Department also actively promotes participation in the Springboard women's development programme and the Aurora women's leadership programme.

Date assessed: 21st March 2019

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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David Robins Research Fellow in Urban Geography	SAGES / Geography and Environmental Science

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity to produce excellent research publications in urban geography; Capacity to deliver effective undergraduate teaching; Capacity to carry out independent research in urban geography. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity to translate research outputs into wider social impacts.
Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD or equivalent in Geography or a related subject. 	
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of current research and scholarship in urban geography. 	
Relevant Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of conducting independent research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of undergraduate teaching in Geography or related subject area. Experience of producing excellent research publications
Disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to University level teaching and research and to working effectively and collaboratively with colleagues in the Department and wider University. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in developing collaborative research projects.
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