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College:	College of Social Sciences and International Studies
Post:	Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Gulf Studies
Reference No:	P62100
Grade:	F
Reporting To:	Marc Valeri, Director of the Centre for Gulf Studies

The above full-time post is available on a fixed term basis from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020 in the College of Social Sciences and International Studies.

Job Description

The Centre for Gulf Studies, which is the oldest research centre in the United Kingdom dedicated to the study of this strategically vital region, is seeking to recruit one postdoctoral researcher whose areas of specialisation fits and complement the research interests of our academics.

Main duties and accountabilities:

1. To conduct independent research and act as research team leader, and in so doing:
 - Enhance the Centre's international reputation through research publications of appropriate quantity and quality, and contribute to worldwide debate at national and international conferences;
 - Contribute to the further and on-going development of Middle Eastern Studies research in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at Exeter, especially the area of Gulf Studies, and
 - Win research earnings through carefully prepared and successful grant applications as well as identifying potential income-generating programmes and collaborative partnerships.

These responsibilities may include all or some of the following:

- Acting as principal investigator on research projects;
- Developing research objectives, projects and proposals;
- Conducting individual or collaborative research projects;
- Developing new concepts and ideas to extend intellectual understanding;
- Developing ideas for application of research outcomes;
- 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;
- Resolving problems of meeting research objectives and deadlines;
- Helping to plan and implement consultancy activities;
- Planning and managing own consultancy assignments;
- Managing the use of research resources and ensuring that effective use is made of them, as required;
- Monitoring and reporting on the use of research budgets, as required;

- Playing a full and active role in the Centre for Gulf Studies.
2. To act as a research team leader; helping promote a collegiate working atmosphere and stimulating environment that will attract further research staff of the highest quality as well as good postgraduate research students, including:
- Mentoring and supporting colleagues with less experience in developing their research techniques, including postgraduate students, and advising on their professional development;
 - Communicating 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;
 - 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.
3. Knowledge acquired from research translates to teaching; the successful candidate should be expected to contribute to teaching in modules relating to Gulf Studies and to supervise postgraduate students.

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.

We are very keen to sustain a strong academic community where people share and collaborate in research, and where students feel part of a vibrant academic culture. Therefore we expect that, in general, you will be physically present at the University at least four days a week during term time. This will enable you to become part of this community and be supported and enriched by it.

Person Specification

The successful applicant will have an independent research programme that will strengthen and complement the existing team at the Centre for Gulf Studies. He/she will be able to demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics:

Competency	Essential	Desirable
Attainments/Qualifications	PhD or equivalent in Middle East Studies, History, Politics, Sociology, Anthropology, Gender Studies, Critical Studies or related fields.	Be a nationally recognised authority in Gulf Studies
Skills and Understanding	Requisite knowledge of their specialism to develop research programmes in this field. A strong record of research outputs in recognised publications	Linguistic proficiency in Arabic and/or other relevant languages.
Prior Experience	Experience of managing research projects and research teams.	Experience of teaching at undergraduate level. Experience of postgraduate teaching and supervision
Behavioural Characteristics	Teamwork skills to work in collaboration with existing group members.	A record in attracting research funding or a demonstrable potential to attract such funding.

	<p>An active and supportive approach to inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research that will help to foster interactions and links both within the Centre, the University and externally with other educational bodies, professional institutions and employers.</p> <p>The attitude and ability to develop external networks and to engage in continuous professional development.</p> <p>Excellent written and verbal communication skills.</p> <p>Ability to balance the pressures of research and competing deadlines.</p> <p>Ability to communicate complex and conceptual ideas to a range of groups.</p>	
Circumstances		

Informal Enquiries

Before submitting an application you may wish to discuss the post further by contacting Dr. Marc Valeri, Director of the Centre for Gulf Studies, telephone (01392724027) or email m.valeri@exeter.ac.uk.

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Further Information

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