

JOB DESCRIPTION
Senior Research Associate - N8 AgriFood Knowledge Exchange
Job Ref: A1560

Job Title: Senior Research Associate - N8 AgriFood Knowledge Exchange	Present Grade: 7P
Department/College: Lancaster Environment Centre	
Directly responsible to: Prof John Quinton (Lancaster N8 lead) and Prof Mariana Rufino (N8 chair)	
Supervisory responsibility for: N/A	
<p>Other contacts Prof. Ian Dodd, Dr Clare Waterton</p> <p>Internal: Lancaster N8 Chair, Sociology N8 Theme 2 lead, LEC/LUMS N8 Theme 3 lead, LEC Enterprise and Business Partnership team, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Engagement team, other LU partners</p> <p>External: N8 KE-Fellow team leader (York University Secretariat), industry, farmers, landowners, NGOs, civil society and government within the UK and EU</p>	
<p>Major Duties: The N8 Agri-Food Resilience Programme aims to maximise the social and economic impact of N8 research delivered by the world-leading capabilities in science and social science within the partnership. To do this, the Senior Research Associate will directly engage with business, policy, civil society organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholder communities to understand their key issues, and propose, initiate and develop solutions, including further research where appropriate. Being located within the research community, the KE Fellows will contribute to the development of new models for multi-partner activities, business, CSO and university engagement.</p> <p>Based in the Lancaster Environment Centre, the Senior Research Associate will play a pivotal role in supporting the development and implementation of a range of projects with a number of partner organisations, helping to co-ordinate them from inception through to completion. This role will include the production of literature surveys and initial data to facilitate the start-up of projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with the N8 Knowledge Exchange team to develop new and sustainable partnerships with key stakeholders of the N8 Agri-Food Resilience Programme that lead to collaborative projects • Develop strong relationships and effective interaction with senior academic staff across the N8 universities • Oversee a portfolio of research projects with a variety of partner organisations • Research new market and other development opportunities • In collaboration with academics and N8 staff manage project scoping, planning, initiation, development, review and implementation processes to achieve project deliverables and milestones, including activities such as literature reviews and data production necessary to scope and establish new projects. • Support the N8 Chair and N8 project leader in producing reports for the N8 Agrifood secretariat • Establish appropriate project support services and maintain regular liaison with key stakeholders • Provide briefings and reports suitable for businesses, CSOs, policymakers and other audiences 	

- Provide regular updates detailing progress to the Academic Director and other members of the programme support team
- Work closely with the other KE Fellows across the N8 Agri-Food Resilience Programme to share best practice, maximise opportunities and to coordinate events designed to engage with business, CSOs, policymakers and other partners
- Work with the LEC Enterprise and Business Partnership team, where appropriate, to deliver effective engagement and dissemination events