Ethnographic Research Fellow
Department of Anthropology, School of Social Science

Closing date: 6 August 2019
Interview date: To Be Confirmed
Reference number: SOC054A
Introduction

The Social Impacts of the JPI HUMANOR Project

The HUMANOR Project (Human-Animal Relations Under Climate Change in Northern Eurasia) is an international network project organized under the JPI Climate initiative. The project focused how Arctic indigenous peoples devised resilient social and economic adaptations to their changing landscapes often independently of centralized management systems. The project, led by Prof. Bruce Forbes at the University of Lapland, involved a network of researchers and indigenous partners in Russia, Fennoscandia, and the United Kingdom. The UK project is led by Prof. David G. Anderson. This four year project is coming to completion in December 2019.

This short-term part-time research post is aimed at supporting the PI in researching the social impact of climate change on indigenous communities. The successful candidate will conduct bibliographic research on the political and social implications of climate change on indigenous communities with a particular eye to indigenous political activism. The candidate will further distil these materials to make them legible and accessible, with an emphasis on developing teaching materials on the topic. The candidate will further assist the PI in the archiving and storage of the project materials.
Job description

Main purpose of the role:

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Key responsibilities:

Ethnographic Research Fellow

- To conduct library and on-line research on the topic of the effect of climate change on indigenous populations worldwide;

- To assemble materials relevant to documenting the social impact of the JPI HUMANOR project on indigenous communities;

- To assemble a bibliography and relevant teaching materials on the topics of indigenous activism, ontological interpretative frames, and theories of ecological anthropology;

- To assist the PI in archiving research materials gathered by the JPI HUMANOR team.

At a glance

Salary: £33,199 per annum pro rata

Hours of work: 40% of Full time

Contract type: Available for 6 months
Candidate background

Research Skills
The candidate should have a proven record of conducting independent anthropological research in indigenous communities. He or she further should have some fluency or experience with understanding contemporary anthropological theories on activism, landscape, and indigenous ontologies. Further, he or she should have proven experience in adapting these sometimes complex ideas to a form that is easily understood to students or members of the public.

Terms of appointment
Salary will be at 40% FTE at Grade 6 point 30 on the salary scale (£33,199 pro rata per annum) and negotiable with placement according to qualifications and experience.

As this post is funded by the EPSRC it is available for 6 months.

Any appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and a 6 month probation period.

For further information on various staff benefits and policies please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here

This post does not meet the minimum requirements as issued by UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) to qualify for an employer-sponsored visa. We are therefore unable to consider applications from candidates for this post who require sponsorship to work in the UK.
## Person specification

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<td>• PhD in Anthropology</td>
<td>• Ability to work with bibliographic databases</td>
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<td>eg Specialist knowledge, levels of experience, supervisory experience, research</td>
<td>• Specialist knowledge on political activism in indigenous communities</td>
<td>• Knowledge on the literature of climate change within anthropology</td>
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<td>• Good organizational skills and timekeeping</td>
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The University

Founded in 1495, Aberdeen is Scotland’s third oldest University and the fifth oldest in the UK. Ranked within the world top 160 in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2019 and named Scottish University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019. Aberdeen is ‘open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others’.

Aberdeen is a broad based, research intensive University, which puts students at the head of everything it does. It has significant academic strengths and potential across a wide variety of disciplines. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas, Aberdeen has also been credited for its international reach and its commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies.

The University has over 14,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 130 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation and we nurture ambition with many opportunities for professional and personal development in an inclusive learning environment which challenges, inspires and helps every individual to reach their full potential.

The University combines a distinguished heritage with a forward looking attitude. In the past few years, the University has encouraged creativity in its academic staff, broken new ground with an innovative curriculum, and developed state-of-the-art facilities including the new Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre. In looking to the future, the University seeks to enhance its reputation as one of the world’s leading Universities by moving forward with ever more ground breaking research; ensuring students have an intellectual and social experience second to none; and capitalising upon the dual role as one of the major institutions of the north and as a cornerstone of regional economic and cultural life.
The city and the region

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

With a population of approximately 230,000, the city stands between the Rivers Dee and Don. This historic city has many architectural splendours and the use of its sparkling local granite has earned Aberdeen the name of the Silver City. Recognised as the oil capital of Europe, Aberdeen nevertheless retains its old-fashioned charm and character making it an attractive place in which to live.

Aberdeen enjoys excellent communication services with other European cities - e.g. flying time to London is just over one hour with regular daily flights. There are direct air links to London (City, Gatwick, Heathrow, and Luton), Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Southampton, Belfast and East Midlands within the U.K. There are also flights to international hub airports: Amsterdam (Schiphol), Paris (Charles De-Gaulle) and Frankfurt as well as flights to other European destinations. http://www.aberdeenairport.com Road and rail links are also well developed.

The Grampian Region which took its name from the Grampian Mountains has a population of approximately 545,000. It is made up of five districts – Aberdeen, Banff & Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside and Moray. The city and the surrounding countryside provide a variety of urban, sea-side and country pursuits. Aberdeen has first class amenities including His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall, Art Gallery, the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre, Museums, and Beach Leisure centre. Within a short time, beach pursuits, equine activities, salmon, trout and sea fishing, hill-walking, mountaineering, golf, sailing, surfing and windsurfing can be reached. The city and the surrounding countryside are repeatedly given high ratings for quality of life in surveys.

Aberdeenshire is one of Scotland's most appealing regions. Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park are within easy access of the city, and there are a variety of towns and villages scattered along the coastline.

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire cater for a wide range of tastes in sporting and cultural activities.

To find out more about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire go to www.visitabdn.com
How to apply

Online application forms are available at www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs

The closing date for receipt of applications is 6 August 2019

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact
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Please quote reference number SOC054A on all correspondence

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