

Research Role Profile

Job Title:	Research Assistant GP4Streets
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Responsible to:	Dr Thomas Roberts
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Responsible for:	There is no direct supervisory responsibility
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Job Summary and Purpose:
To support research activity in accordance with specified research project(s) under the supervision of the principal investigator

Main Responsibilities/Activities
<p>To support a research team by contributing to the planning of research projects and undertaking prescribed research tasks in accordance with specified research project(s), making use of standard research techniques and methods. These may include fieldwork, interviews, laboratory experimentation, computer-based data analysis or library research as directed by the research award holder and will entail co-ordinating own work with that of others to avoid conflict or duplication of effort. Analysing and interpreting results of own research, under the guidance of research award holder or supervisor. Write up results and contribute to the preparation of papers for submission to appropriate journals and conferences, and other outputs as required and/or appropriate. Attend appropriate conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results of personal development.</p> <p>Continually update knowledge and develop skills</p> <p>To carry out routine administrative tasks associated with a specified research project, for example risk assessment of research tasks, organisation of project meetings and documentation. This will entail planning own day-to-day research activity within the framework of the agreed programme, dealing with problems that may affect the achievement of research objectives and deadlines and implementing procedures required to ensure accurate and timely formal reporting and financial control</p> <p>Demonstrating, or occasionally assisting with undergraduate supervision within the post holder's area of expertise and under the direct guidance of a member of the Faculty academic staff.</p>

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Person Specification

The post holder must have:

A first degree or a professional qualification or equivalent in a relevant subject.

At least part-completed a relevant doctoral degree or have relevant experience in a given field.

Whilst there is no requirement for previous work experience, the post holder will be expected to be able to support research activities by performing experiments and/or undertaking studies and analysing/ interpreting results.

Relationships and Contacts

Direct responsibility to the principal investigator or academic supervisor.

Special Requirements

To be available to participate in fieldwork as required by the specified research project.

All staff are expected to:

- Positively support equality of opportunity and equity of treatment to colleagues and students in accordance with the University of Surrey Equal Opportunities policy.
- Help maintain a safe working environment by:
 - Attending training in Health and Safety requirements as necessary, both on appointment and as changes in duties and techniques demand
 - Following local codes of safe working practices and the University of Surrey Health and Safety Policy
- Undertake such other duties within the scope of the post as may be requested by your Manager.

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Addendum

This document provides additional information relating to both specific aspects of the post/faculty and any post specific person specification criteria. The information contained within this document should always be read in conjunction with the accompanying generic Job Purpose.

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Background Information/Relationships

This Research Assistant position will support the [GP4Streets project](#), a UKRI-funded, multi-disciplinary initiative led by the University of Surrey. The project seeks to develop tailored **do-it-yourself (DIY) green, blue, and grey infrastructure (GBGI) solutions**—a “green prescription” for urban streets—enabling communities to respond to the environmental challenges of climate change in ways that are locally relevant and practical.

GP4Streets is a UKRI-funded, multidisciplinary project involving partners from several UK universities, local authorities, and central government departments. The research assistant will contribute to the project's social science strands, focusing on public perceptions and the health and wellbeing benefits of GBGIs. Key responsibilities will include designing, conducting, and analysing walking interviews with members of the public about GBGIs in their gardens and local communities. The role may also involve developing questionnaires, analysing quantitative data, and carrying out literature reviews. In addition, the research assistant will support the day-to-day management of the project.

The Research Assistant will be encouraged and supported to develop their own research interests on related topics and seek funding to undertake PhD Research.

This post is located within the School of Social Sciences at the University of Surrey and supervised by Dr Thomas Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Environmental Sociology, Co-director of the Institute for Sustainability). The post holder will be required to work closely with colleagues at both the University of Surrey and the University of West of England, Bristol.

Person Specification

This section describes the sum total of knowledge, experience & competence required by the post holder that is necessary for standard acceptable performance in carrying out this role. This is in addition to the criteria contained within the accompanying generic Job Purpose.

Qualifications and Professional Memberships

**Essential/
Desirable**

A research degree (MSc) in a relevant subject (Sociology; Human

Essential

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Geography or similar)	
Technical Competencies (Experience and Knowledge) This section contains the level of competency required to carry out the role (please refer to the competency framework for clarification where needed and the Job Families Booklet).	Essential/ Desirable
Social Science Research knowledge – Qualitative and Quantitative	Essential
Knowledge, interest in environmental social science research	Essential
Good Communication skills with academic and non-academic audiences	Essential
Good organisation and time management skills	Essential
Excellent written and verbal communication skills with an ability to write project deliverables and give presentations on the completed work	Essential
Key Responsibilities This document is not designed to be a list of all tasks undertaken but an outline record of any faculty/post specific responsibilities. This should be read in conjunction with those contained within the accompanying generic Job Purpose.	
1. Assist with the development of interview topic guides 2. Undertake walking interviews with members of the public 3. Analysis qualitative data 4. Develop quantitative surveys 5. Analysis quantitative data 6. Draft reports based on the data collected 7. Undertake literature reviews 8. Attend face to face and online meetings with the GP4Streets team 9. N.B. The above list is not exhaustive.	