Consultancy Opportunity for Cambridge Postdocs (x5)

COP26 “Visions for a Net-Zero Future”
Evidence Collation for Country Profiles

Cambridge Zero has an opportunity for 5 Cambridge-based Postdoctoral Research Associates to support, on a consultancy basis, a UK government project which aims to produce “Visions of a Net Zero Future” for six focus regions around the world.

These “Visions” will present feasible and desirable opportunities of what a resilient, sustainable, inclusive Net-Zero Future could look like for the focus regions in question, drawing on expertise from in-country academics and other stakeholder groups to develop the evidence base for those visions. They will outline the science, engineering and social science evidence and innovations which could make these futures a reality, highlighting the impacts and benefits of these futures. These visions will be translated into informative and engaging products for government and public engagement ahead of, and at, the UNFCCC COP26 Climate Summit, due to be held in Glasgow in November 2021. An Expert Committee will be established with 2 academic experts from each focus region, who will oversee the submission and collation of relevant in-country evidence and expertise.

Cambridge Zero is supporting the evidence collation and synthesis part of this project, working closely with Cambridge Global Challenges to engage with in-country academic networks. We are seeking 5 Postdoctoral Researchers to support us with this work, on a consultancy basis for the duration of the project.

The work will consist of:

- Collation of evidence that has been submitted by in-country experts and wider networks (through an online platform)
- Synthesising that evidence into a coherent set of in-country evidence profiles, one for each country.
- Working closely with the in-country experts to ensure the in-country profiles are representative of the available evidence.

These positions will be offered on a consultancy basis (through Cambridge Enterprise) for the duration of the project and will involve **10 full days of work at a day rate of £500/day, with 8 full days’ work between 10th May and 10th June, and 2 days’ work in July.** The exact timing on which work is completed is flexible, however the days in the initial period will need to be spread out over the 4 weeks with a likely emphasis on more days work towards the end of the period.

Essential and desirable experience for the job:

- Experience of carrying out rapid evidence collation, relying both on targeted literature review and input from (in-country) subject experts. [Essential]
• Ability to synthesise a large volume of pieces of evidence from a range of different sources and draw out the main themes and topics of importance. [Essential]
• Ability to present findings in a coherent and simple-to-understand format/language that is accessible to a range of different audiences without prior knowledge of the country or topic. [Essential]
• An interest in, and broad knowledge of, climate solutions for reaching net-zero, from a regional mitigation, adaptation and resilience perspective, and the role of the COP26 process in achieving this. [Essential]
• Relevant expertise and knowledge of working with partners in the Global South countries [Desirable]

For further details about the positions, please email: Erik.Mackie@admin.cam.ac.uk

To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to Erik.Mackie@admin.cam.ac.uk by the deadline of 7th May 2021.