



# ESRC: Place-based Climate Action Networks (P-CAN) Student placement opportunity

Job title: Researcher (Climate Commission) Duration: 10 days (based on 7 hour working day) Remuneration: £17.00/ per hour Start date: mid-May 2019 (flexible) Deadline for applications: Tuesday 7th May 2019, 5pm

# **P-CAN Overview**

ECCI is helping to deliver a new initiative to boost climate action in Edinburgh, Belfast and Leeds. The Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN) will help the UK meet its climate targets by catalysing cross-sector action and increasing the flow of green finance.

The <u>ESRC</u> is investing £3.5 million in PCAN over five years. The project will link research, business, government and communities to accelerate the transition to a fair, thriving low carbon economy. The Universities of Edinburgh and Leeds, the London School of Economics and Queen's University Belfast are hosting the project.

ECCI are helping to accelerate and sustain the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient society through the creation of local City Climate Commissions in Edinburgh and Belfast and the extension of the Leeds Climate Commission.

#### Role

ECCI are looking for a dynamic researcher to compile a comprehensive report on City Climate Commissions in the UK, to understand how they operate (e.g., their structure, funding, resourcing, objectives) and how they could align with local climate strategies at city-level. The report should synthesise all information available on City Climate Commissions and provide recommendations specifically for Edinburgh.

## Outputs

A 10-page report which includes:

- Executive summary
- Report synthesis of all City Climate Commissions and how they operate
- Excel database with key information
- Short 5 slide PPT presentation to show to the team

## **Person Specification**

ECCI are looking for a PhD student with:

- Strong research skills (demonstrable experience working with quantitative and qualitative data and information)
- Sound knowledge of climate policy-making (preferably at a city-level)
- Project experience (working in a supporting role is advantageous)
- Has experience working with the private and/or public sector.
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)

If interested please send a CV (2 pages max) and a cover letter to Katherine Maxwell, Innovation Manager, ECCI: <u>kmaxwell@ed.ac.uk</u> by the deadline stated above.