**JOB DESCRIPTION**

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks.

It may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the College in consultation with the postholder.

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| **Job Title: Post Doctoral Research Fellow/Programme Manager– Fixed term** | **Job ref no: PPS-0371-24** |
| **Grade:** **5-6 [depending on qualification]** | **Department:**  **PPS**  |
| **Accountable to: Dr Mehroosh Tak** | **Responsible for: NA** |

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| **Job summary:**The Critical Research on Industrial Livestock Systems ([CRILS](https://www.crils.org/)) Network aims to connect academics with practitioners (a broad term for non-academic collaborators - civil society and NGOs, activists and artists, investigative journalists, food systems workers, legal scholars, policymakers etc) to develop a critique of the drivers and negative externalities of industrial animal agriculture. The CRILS Network Post Doctoral Research Fellow/Programme Manager will deliver online and in-person workshops, convene thematic Working Groups (WG) to advance methodological approaches, and strengthen local networks with the overarching intention of facilitating challenging discussions, sharing research resources (data, expertise, analysis, theories), and building an interdisciplinary evidence base. The job holder will oversee all CRILS activities and communications, apply for further funding, and launch and participate in the CRILS Working Groups. The position offers the post-holder the opportunity to develop their own research portfolio in line with CRILS research agenda while working with leading experts in industrial livestock systems. Research could focus on topics such as, but not limited to, the mechanisms of corporate concentration and financialisation of livestock production, labour movements in globalised industrial animal value chains, the political economy and/or ecology of the expansion of industrial animal agriculture in global South contexts. Over a two-year period, the research fellow/ programme manager will * Lead the delivery of 2 in-person workshops (spring 2026 and 2027) with assistance from the wider RVC community
* Facilitate collaborators to deliver online workshops annually (see [www.crils.org](http://www.crils.org) for example of such workshops)
* Launch, manage and participate in 2 Working Groups under supervision of the WG expert leads, including submission of research outputs to a peer review journal and other platforms
* Conduct ongoing network research into prominent academics and practitioners engaged in a critique of industrial animal agriculture
* Manage CRILS communications (written, online, in-person, and website)
* Attend relevant events, conferences and workshops to represent the CRILS Network
* Apply for grant funding to continue CRILS activities

This is an excellent opportunity for an ambitious and creative early career researcher to develop research expertise in political economy, political ecology, human geography, anthropology, critical public health or similar disciplines, as well as project management skills. This position would suit a PhD graduate or candidate about to complete their thesis in early 2025 or an experienced researcher (3-5 years' experience) with a master's degree and experience as a project manager or campaigns, communications or policy officer. The post-holder will work under the supervision of Dr [Mehroosh Tak](https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/our-people/mehroosh-tak) and will be based in the RVC’s Veterinary Epidemiology, Economics & Public Health (VEEPH) Group and will benefit from exposure to the wealth of economics, food systems and global public health expertise held at the RVC. The role is a mix of academic research - for which the post holder will be expected to conduct interdisciplinary research as part of an international and multi-sectoral team - and network and events organisation - for which the post holder will be expected to deliver online and in-person events to a high standard and motivate a diverse network of actors to contribute to and participate in CRILS activities. Experience in writing and translating research for a wide audience is essential, as is knowledge of critical food systems literature and agricultural policy or political economy, especially of the global South. A core focus of CRILS is sharing research in a constructive and discursive setting to ensure that research is relevant, useful and responsive to the situation on the ground, so while this is an academic post, it suits someone with an interest in or experience of policy, campaigns, and public engagement. The researcher should be enthusiastic, proactive and highly motivated, with excellent organisational and interpersonal skills. The position is open to international candidates with relevant experience.**Informal inquiries are encouraged. Please email Dr Mehroosh Tak (****mtak@rvc.ac.uk**and **crilsnetwork@rvc.ac.uk****). To learn more about the project please** **visit** [**https://www.crils.org**](https://www.crils.org) |