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ORGANIC BUSINESS and MARKETS RESEARCHER (G6)

Salary range: £24,400 - £31,200 per annum depending on experience

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The Organic Research Centre is the UK's leading independent research centre focusing on the development and promotion of sustainable, agroecological solutions to food, farming and environmental issues, including organic farming and agroforestry. ORC is a registered charity with ca. 25 staff and funded primarily by project grants and contracts, from government, EU and foundation sources, as well as voluntary donations.

We are looking to appoint an Organic Business and Markets Researcher (G6) on a 12-month fixed term contract with the possibility of extension. The role involves carrying out research and contributing to projects specifically, but not exclusively, in the fields of farm and food business development, and markets and supply chains as part of the Organic Business and Markets Team and other ORC programmes. Specifically, the work includes:

- Gaining a good understanding of the socio-economic opportunities for and challenges faced by stakeholders of agro-forestry and mixed-farming systems in Europe, as part of the EC-H2020 project AGROMIX starting in November 2020.
- Contributing to a better understanding of the sustainability of innovative agri-food value chains in Europe, as part of the EC-H2020 project FOODLEVERS starting in December 2020.
- Contributing to regular updates on trends in the UK organic market from production to retail.
- Contributing to research bids, funding applications, and knowledge exchange in relation to business and markets programme.
- Supporting senior staff within the programme, and representing the programme and ORC at conferences, meetings and shows, within the UK and internationally.

Requirements:

- Candidates must possess a BSc (at least 2.1) in Agricultural Economics/Agriculture with Business/Agriculture and Food Marketing or similar.
- Research experience in at least one of: supply chain management, market data analysis, farm business management, designing and implementing surveys, and statistical methods.

- Excellent knowledge of Excel and tools for the archiving of numerical data are also essential, the candidate must be computer literate including Windows and MS Office.
- The candidate must have good organisational skills, be self-motivated and able to work both independently and as part of a team.
- The candidate must also be willing to travel within the UK and EU should the project require it.

Applications must be on an ORC application form. Further details can be downloaded from the Organic Research Centre website (www.organicresearchcentre.com).

The closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 13th November 2020**. Interviews will be held via Microsoft Teams **Monday 23rd November 2020**.