



**IMPACT**

## Research Assistant

**Reference:** 0187-24

**Grade:** 7

**Salary:** £32,332 to £34,980 per annum, depending on experience

**Contract Type:** Fixed term

**Basis:** Full Time

# Job description

## Job Purpose:

The post holder will be responsible for carrying out approximately 50% of a major EPSRC-funded project, joint between the Aston University and University of Nottingham. A major part of the role of the Aston-based researcher will be experimental. This will include field investigations, design, and development of new laboratory experiments to investigate tyre-water-road surface interaction at various traffic and environmental conditions. Whilst some of this capability already exists, it will need to be significantly extended.

## Main Duties/Responsibilities:

### Research

- ▶ To use standard research techniques to gather and manipulate data and information, interpreting the results for use by self and others.
- ▶ To undertake basic research by preparing, setting up, conducting and recording the outcome of experiments and field work.
- ▶ To analyse and interpret the results of own research and generate original ideas based on outcomes.
- ▶ To develop questionnaires and conduct surveys.
- ▶ To manage data to ensure data integrity and ease of access to data for the principal and co-investigators.
- ▶ To prepare study findings for presentation in study reports and publication in scientific journals.
- ▶ To ensure that all work is undertaken and analysed in a timely manner and in line with the milestones and deliverables outlined by the principal investigator.
- ▶ To present information on research progress and outcomes to research team and bodies supervising research, e.g. steering groups.
- ▶ To liaise with research colleagues and study participants as required.
- ▶ To assist in the supervision of student projects as required.

### Teaching and learning

- ▶ To undertake up to 6 hours of teaching per week or support teaching and assessment activity in a module(s) relevant to area of research.
- ▶ To Assist in the supervision of student projects

### External Engagement

- ▶ To attend and participate in internal and external networks as appropriate and within the interests of the School/ University.

### Citizenship

- ▶ To provide pastoral care and support to students.

- ▶ To attend and contribute to Academic Department meetings
- ▶ To take part in staff seminars, cross-departmental activities and events e.g. Open Days, Sixth Form Conferences etc. as appropriate
- ▶ To display and promote Aston values through own actions and behaviour.
- ▶ To undertake such other duties as may be reasonably requested and that are commensurate with the nature and grade of the post.

#### **Additional responsibilities**

- ▶ Engage in continuous personal and professional development in line with the demands of the role, including undertaking relevant training and development activities to develop themselves and support the development of others.
- ▶ Ensure and promote the personal health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students.
- ▶ Carry out duties in a way which promotes fairness in all matters, and which engenders trust.
- ▶ Promote equality of opportunity and support diversity and inclusion as well as working to support the University's environmental sustainability agenda and practices.

## Person specification

	Essential	Method of assessment
<b>Education and qualifications</b>	<p>A degree in a relevant subject</p> <p>Have a PhD or nearing completion of one in engineering or a closely related field in the physical sciences</p>	Application form
<b>Experience</b>	<p>Experience of applying standard research techniques to gather and analyse data</p> <p>Experience of writing reports and delivering presentations</p> <p>Experience in undertaking data analysis and interpreting results.</p>	Application form and interview
<b>Aptitude and skills</b>	<p>Ability to work effectively in a team and with project partners.</p> <p>Ability to contribute to the planning of research projects.</p> <p>Ability to deliver research objectives, deliverables and milestones in a timely manner.</p> <p>Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to liaise with partners.</p> <p>Report writing and PowerPoint presentations.</p>	Application form and interview

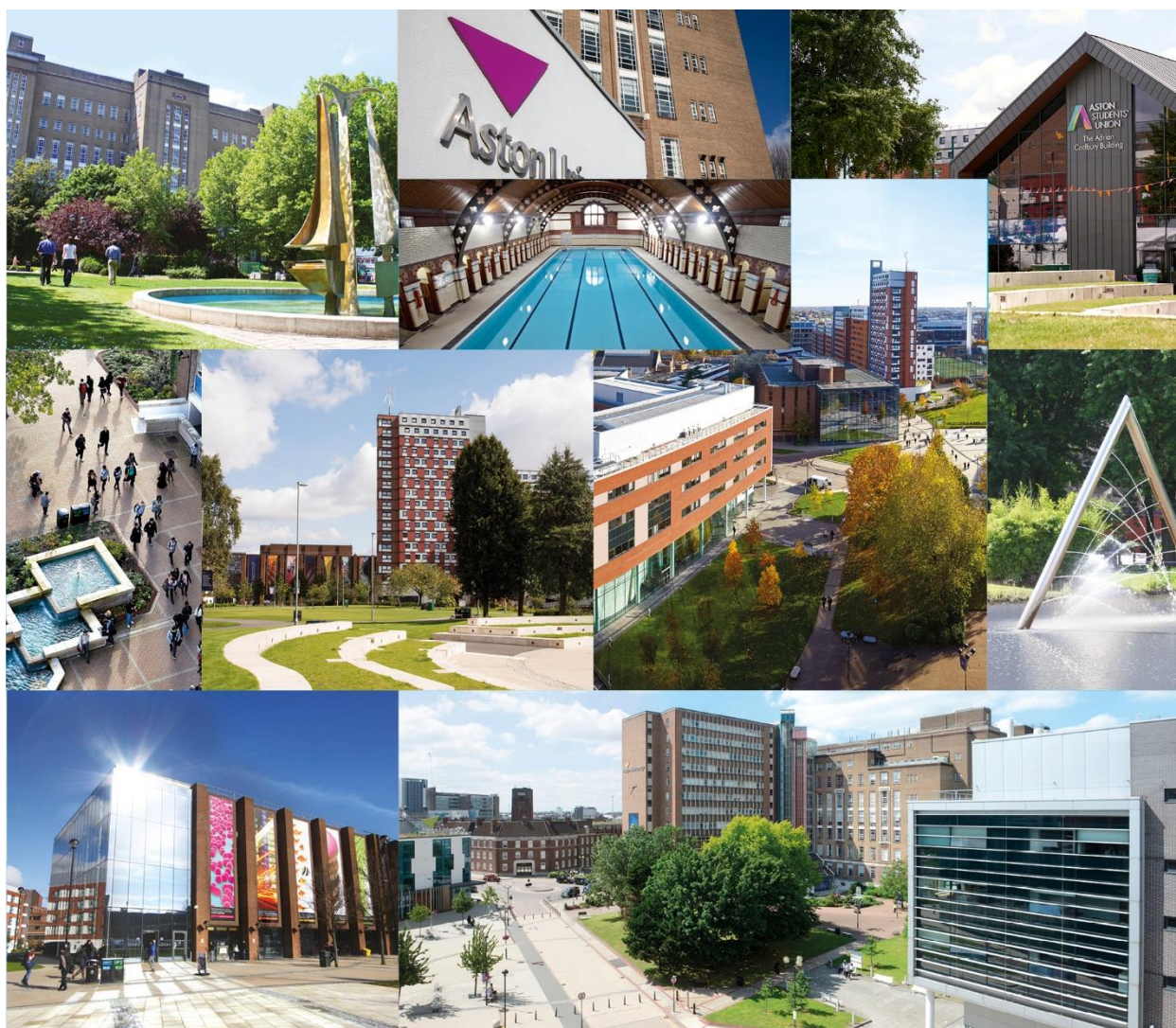
# How to apply

You can apply for this role online via our website <https://www2.aston.ac.uk/staff-public/hr/jobs>.

Applications should be submitted by 23:59pm on the advertised closing date.  
All applicants must complete an application form, along with your CV.

Any CV sent direct to the Recruitment Team and Recruiting Manager will not be accepted.

If you require a manual application form then please contact the Recruitment Team via [jobs@aston.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@aston.ac.uk).



## Contact information

### **Enquiries about the vacancy:**

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### **Enquiries about the application process, shortlisting, or interviews:**

Recruitment Team via [jobs@aston.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@aston.ac.uk) or 0121 204 4500.

## **Additional information**

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**Employment of Ex-Offenders:** Under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, a person with a criminal record is not required to disclose any spent convictions unless the positions they applying for is listed an exception under the act.

### **Eligibility to work in the UK:**

New immigration system from 1 January 2021

A new immigration system has been introduced for people arriving in the UK from EEA countries with effect from 1 January 2021. In addition to those who have always required a visa, EU citizens who were not resident in the UK before 31 December 2021 will need to get a visa in advance.

You can find more information [here](#)

Candidates should check their eligibility to enter or remain in the UK in advance of making any job application via the [UKVI website](#). Before applying you should ensure that you meet the requirements, including meeting the English Language requirements. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, any application for a work visa would be unsuccessful.

If you require a visa to work in the UK the most common types of visa are:

- Skilled Worker Visa <https://www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa>
- Global Talent Visa

If you are a leader or potential leader in one of the following fields you may be eligible to apply for a Global Talent Visa:

- Academia or Research

- Arts and Culture
- Digital Technology

Please click the following link for further information and to check your eligibility for this visa.  
<https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>

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The University will endeavour not to discriminate unfairly or illegally, directly or indirectly, against student or potential students, staff or potential staff. This commitment applies to all functions of the University and to any stage of an individual's career.

An Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form is included within the application form. Data you provide on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form will be included in a general database, for statistical monitoring purposes, enabling the University to monitor the effectiveness of its Policy, Codes of Practice and Guidelines on Equal Opportunities in Employment. Individuals will not be identified by name.

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