

## Director of Met Office Hadley Centre

**Location**

Exeter HQ

**Contract type**

Permanent

**Opening date**

23-05-2017

**Closing date**

23-06-2017

**Salary Information**

£47,124 - £80,500 + Excellent benefits. You may also be eligible to claim for relocation costs of up to £5,000.

**Background**

The Met Office Hadley Centre (MOHC) is widely regarded as one of the world's leading research institutes in climate variability and change, producing fundamental climate science which forms a significant part of the UK's national climate science capability. Its reputation derives from a combination of scientific and academic excellence, national and international collaborations, strong scientific leadership and the scale of its research infrastructure. This enables the MOHC to deliver climate data sets, scenarios, projections and predictions on which many others depend, including the IPCC.

The award-winning Met Office Headquarters offer a superb working environment including a modern gym, sports clubs and societies, free onsite parking, restaurant and cafe. Other benefits include:

- Annual Leave starting at 27.5 days (+ Bank holidays) rising to 32.5 days.
- Flexible working hours available to promote work/life balance.
- A choice of pension schemes, so you can plan for your future.
- 'Cycle to Work' scheme to enable affordable, healthy travel.
- Many more benefits including healthcare and childcare plans

**Job Purpose**

The Director of MOHC has responsibility for the strategic leadership of MOHC research; leading the staff of the MOHC; representing the work of the MOHC to the external scientific community and Government sponsors; and representing Climate Science within

the wider Met Office Science programme as a member of the Science Management Team.

Immediate tasks will be to work with the Chief Scientist to implement the research programme of MOHC for the next period (2018-21); to demonstrate the value of the new high performance computer; and to work with the Head of MOHC Climate Services for Government to promote the pull through of climate science into climate services for Government.

### **Job Responsibilities**

- Providing strategic-level scientific leadership and development of the climate research programme, ensuring that it is equipped to meet future policy and user requirements for climate science post Paris COP, and to deliver demonstrable socio-economic value.
- Ensuring that the MOHC delivers research of the highest international standard and that all communications and outreach activities retain scientific integrity.
- Working with the Chief Scientist to foster stronger collaboration with UK academia and NERC to ensure that the UK's national climate science capability is of the highest calibre.
- Establishing strong working relationships with leading government officials, heads of international agencies, the IPCC and other relevant bodies to promote the work and relevance of the MOHC.
- Working as a member of the Met Office Science Management Team to develop, organise and manage climate research as part of the fully integrated Met Office Science Programme, to deliver the Met Office Science Strategy 2016-2021.
- Line management of climate science Strategic Heads, and overseeing the professional development and well-being of all MOHC staff.
- Working with the Head of Climate Services for Government to promote the pull through of climate science into climate services for Government.
- Contributing to the delivery of the Met Office Corporate Plan, working with the Chief Scientist and Director of Meteorological Science.

### **Essential Qualifications, Skills & Abilities**

1. Internationally esteemed scientist with extensive research experience in climate science research or closely-related areas of atmosphere or ocean science, and with an outstanding publication and citation record.
2. Proven track record in development and implementation of strategic research plans, with demonstrable impact at the highest level.
3. Proven leadership and management skills from an internationally recognised science team.
4. Experience of working with government research stakeholders.
5. Experience in playing a leading role within national and international research bodies.
6. Excellent oral and written communication skills.

## **Additional Supplementary Information**

**Closing date for applications – 23rd June 2017**

**Expected interview date W/C 17th July**

To apply, please click on the link below and attach the most recent version of your CV, along with a cover letter which briefly states your experience against each essential criterion.

The successful candidates will require security clearance. Further information can be provided by calling 01392 885000. Please ask to speak with the Resourcing Lead to discuss in greater detail