

## JOB DESCRIPTION

1. JOB DETAILS:	
Position Title:	Senior Researcher
Reports to:	Director of Research
Department:	Research
Location:	Abu Dhabi, UAE
Grade:	F2
Prepared / Revised on:	Dec, 2024

2. JOB PURPOSE / ROLE:
To lead groundbreaking research projects analyzing the evolving urban and mobility dynamics. To work at the intersection of urban studies, geography, transportation, sustainability, and digitalization, contributing to academic excellence and practical policy insights. Initiate, lead and engage actively in research activities/projects with the framework of the strategic objectives of the institution.

3. JOB DIMENSIONS		
Number of Staff Supervised:	Direct Reports:	0
	Total:	0

4. KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:	
KEY PRIORITY	KEY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research &amp; Conferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conduct collective and individual research within the field of interest in order to satisfy the strategy of the University and research objectives given by the research council and enhance the University's reputation, including but not limited to: determining relevant research objectives, initiating and implementing a research project and managing timeframes; resources; materials, finance, equipment etc. in order to achieve the research objectives.</li> <li>▪ Write-up research work appropriately for publication to disseminate ideas and results to the wider community and participate in presentations and conferences to establish and maintain network contacts, raise the profile of the research and University, and keep up to date with recent developments.</li> <li>▪ Identify appropriate sources of funding and prepare research proposals in order to obtain the financial support needed for the research project.</li> <li>▪ Supervise undergraduate and postgraduate research students to assist in the development of their research skills and fulfil the research requirements of their degree qualification.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Leading projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Design, conduct, and oversee cutting-edge research on the urban transformation.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze spatial, social, economic and mobility-related dimensions of polycentricity, teleworking trends, and the 15-Minute City framework.</li> <li>▪ Data Collection and Analysis: utilize demographic, economic, and land-use data, as well as satellite imagery, to map urbanization trends and emerging sub-centres.</li> <li>▪ Apply advanced methodologies, including GIS mapping, scenario modeling, and spatial analysis.</li> <li>▪ Policy and Stakeholder Engagement: develop actionable recommendations to inform urban planning and policy strategies.</li> <li>▪ Collaborate with local authorities, urban planners, and stakeholders to address sustainable development challenges.</li> <li>▪ Dissemination and Communication: publish high-impact research in peer-reviewed journals and present findings at international conferences.</li> <li>▪ Organize workshops and annual conferences to foster dialogue between academics, policymakers, and practitioners.</li> <li>▪ Project Management ensuring timely delivery of project milestones.</li> <li>▪ Coordinate with multidisciplinary teams and manage project budgets and timelines.</li> <li>▪ Participate in external events and promote SUAD research activities.</li> </ul>
▪ Student Counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mentor graduate students in their research and academic pursuits.</li> <li>▪ Provide guidance on research prospects, internships and job related opportunities whenever required by students.</li> </ul>
▪ Research projects assessment & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research project evaluation.</li> <li>▪ Include the outcome and feedback from the partners and authorities during and at the end of the project.</li> <li>▪ Participate and contribute toward the development of innovative research tools and methods within SAFIR.</li> </ul>
▪ Examination Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invigilate examinations when required, to ensure that exams are carried out according to the rules set out by the exam board; allow each candidate to sit the exam in the same conditions; and control cheating.</li> <li>▪ To support and participate in examination activities.</li> </ul>
▪ SAFIR daily operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liaise with the other members affiliated in the same research institute.</li> <li>▪ Participate in the meetings, communications, and strategic decisions taken as part of the research institute.</li> </ul>
▪ Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work with relevant departments to support the development and implementation of university functions, such as Student Affairs; Library learning resources; IT teaching technology etc.</li> <li>▪ Represent the faculty or the department on relevant committees, task forces and focus groups to ensure appropriate governance and progress in the university.</li> </ul>
▪ Policies and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow department policies, processes, standard operating procedures, and instructions so that work is carried out in a controlled and consistent manner.</li> </ul>
▪ Related Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform other related duties or assignments as directed by the Line Manager.</li> </ul>

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### 5. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, & SKILLS:

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- Senior researcher with PhD in Geography, Urban Studies, Transportation, or a related discipline, (granted by Gov. body when available from home-country, CNU approval is mandatory if qualification was obtained in France).

#### Minimum Experience:

- Preferably minimum 5 years of experience in research.
- Proven track record of exceptional achievements in research reflected in publications.

#### Job-Specific Skills:

- International research and scientific presence.
- Original publications in scientific journals or in proceedings of scientific conferences.
- Advanced mastery of innovative research and pedagogical skills, knowledge of university learning resources and technology including Microsoft Office programs and online platforms.
- Individual and collective research skills and experience and demonstrated ability to secure external research funding.
- Communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Critical thinking.
- Strong teamwork abilities and high sense of collaboration.
- Flexibility and ability to adapt effectively in multicultural environments.
- Languages: English and French are mandatory; Arabic would be an added value. Subject to the position and department requirements.

**Line Manager Name & Signature:**

**Employee Name & Signature:**

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