



Job Posting

RESEARCH ANALYST ON SYSTEMIC RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

January 2026

Organizational Host: ASRA

Location: Fully Remote

Type: 100% Full-time equivalent consultancy, until September 2027

Salary: \$333 / day

Reporting to: Director, Systemic Risk Assessment

Context

The [Accelerator for Systemic Risk Assessment \(ASRA\)](#) mobilizes a diverse global network of risk professionals and thought-leaders radically rethinking risk as a way to address current and future challenges. ASRA aims to mainstream the science and practice of systemic risk assessment and to strengthen systemic risk response capacities especially amongst policy- and decision-makers at global, national, and sub-national scales. An independent initiative hosted by the UN Foundation, ASRA is on a mission to accelerate transformative action that protects the earth's ecological systems and humanity from the threats of escalating systemic risks.

ASRA has produced frameworks and methods on how to undertake systemic risk assessment (SRA) and to assess the effectiveness of systemic risk responses (SRR). ASRA is now applying these approaches in a new project to examine the political, economic, societal, technological, legal and environmental implications of exceeding the Paris Agreement's long-term temperature goal, and critically how these impacts interact, including through the possible responses that could be implemented in the coming years.

The aim is to provide a holistic picture to help strategic planning and funding efforts to safeguard humanity, more-than-human species and ecosystems. The project team is seeking a Research Analyst to help with a variety of research and organizational tasks throughout the project. This role will require a particular focus on the scientific and environmental aspects of the project, requiring a solid understanding of climate change and its systemic implications.

The role

ASRA is seeking a research analyst to undertake the following activities:

- Act as an expert researcher into the potential consequences of, and responses to, crossing the 1.5°C temperature level, including on key Earth systems in the atmosphere, land, and oceans, as well as broader systemic impacts, drawing from literature and expert insights
- Produce succinct, robustly-evidenced outputs including briefing reports, internal memos and slide packs to summarize and communicate findings from this research
- Present findings to a range of audiences, from experts to non-experts
- Record and catalogue references, data and other gathered information in a clear and searchable format, to be agreed with the project team
- Engage in regular and ad hoc team meetings with the other members of the project team, which consists of: Director, Systemic Risk Assessment (overall project lead); Director, Systemic Risk Policy and Response; Director, Nature-Centric Approaches; Director, Communications; Research Analyst, Systemic Risk Assessment
- Participate in workshops and stakeholder engagement activities, including contributing to design and organization of these processes
- Engage in other ASRA activities as necessary, which may include attendance at team meetings and ASRA network convenings, as well as stakeholder engagements (online and in person), to update on the work.

The candidate

ASRA is seeking a highly motivated, autonomous, flexible, and imaginative person for this role with considerable data and process management, stakeholder engagement, and systems thinking expertise.

Specific requirements are:

- Degree-qualified or demonstrable equivalent
- Familiarity with systems thinking and core concepts such as uncertainty, risk and resilience, and systemic risk
- Experience with researching and critically assessing literature on climate change and/or Earth System science

- Experience in undertaking primary research including surveys and stakeholder interviews, including robust collection, cataloguing, analysis and reporting of research
- Experience in working with a diverse range of stakeholders, from government to corporate and community level stakeholders
- Professional fluency in English, with additional languages useful but not essential
- High level of professionalism in communications (both written and verbal)
- Strong reporting and documentation abilities
- Excellent time management
- Ability to work remotely, with flexible hours. For information, the current ASRA team is based across European and North American time zones, but the network is global

The candidate selected will be responsible for setting up the space, and for having the equipment, internet, and phone access to accomplish their tasks from home or their other workspace(s).

How to express an interest

Please submit *in one singular PDF* a comprehensive resumé along with a cover letter which outlines your relevant experience and your motivation for this work. Please send to:

Zabrina Kjeldsen, Operations Manager
 Accelerator for Systemic Risk Assessment (ASRA)
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For any further information about the role, please contact Ajay Gambhir, Director, Systemic Risk Assessment, ASRA, at agambhir@asranetwork.org

We are committed to creating a diverse environment. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, national origin, location, or age. Any Conflict of Interest (CoI) issues arising from applicants will be managed through the procurement rules and documented process, i.e. pre-identified criteria, appointed selection committee, fair and transparent competition.

Deadline for applications: End of day (UTC 23:59), Wednesday 28th January 2026.

About ASRA

ASRA (the Accelerator for Systemic Risk Assessment) aims to mainstream systemic risk assessment in policy and decision-making in response to current and future challenges. Hosted by the [United Nations Foundation](#), this independent initiative advances the field and practice of systemic risk, and advocates for transformative action for the prosperity of all people, societies, species, and ecosystems.

Co-developed by a group of international experts, ASRA is grounded in the reality of the global polycrisis and mounting evidence that climate and other impacts are hitting harder and faster than experts had anticipated. Crises are increasingly interrelated across ecological, socio-economic, technological, and political systems—posing an intensifying challenge to our collective capacity to cope with simultaneous crises. ASRA is guided by diverse perspectives and specifically includes values of public goods, universal human rights, as well as the intrinsic value of biodiversity and living systems, embedding those values in systemic risk frameworks and analysis.

Learn more at: www.asranetwork.org