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**Job Title** Research Associate in Computational and Theoretical Fluid Mechanics  
**Department** Mechanical, Aerospace & Civil Engineering

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**Institution** University of Sheffield  
Sheffield, , United Kingdom

**Date Posted** Feb. 10, 2025

**Application Deadline** Mar. 2, 2025

**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Post-Doc

**Academic Field(s)** Mechanical Engineering

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**Job Description**

**Topic:** Investigating the effect of fouling in entrance and fully-developed pipe flows

**Work Arrangement:** Full Time (Hybrid)

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**Salary per annum (£):** 37,999.00 - £46,485

**Duration:** Fixed Term for 30 months.

The University of Sheffield are seeking a committed and motivated Research Associate in Computational and Theoretical Fluid Mechanics to join the School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering at the University of Sheffield. This exciting opportunity involves leading the development of advanced mathematical and computational models to investigate transition to turbulence in pipe flows influenced by fouling.

The project, funded by the *Royal Society Collaboration Grant*, is in partnership with Universidade Federal Fluminense and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, home to a unique, state-of-the-art laboratory for pipe-flow experiments.

The candidate will investigate the impact of fouling on pipe flows, from the entrainment of realistic ambient disturbances at the pipe entrance to the fully-developed turbulent regime, using a powerful combination of theory (asymptotic methods, receptivity and stability analysis) and Direct Numerical Simulations. Experimental validation will be supported by our collaborators in Rio using their advanced experimental facilities.

As part of the School's renowned [Thermofluids Research Group](#), you will work in one of the world's leading hubs for fluid mechanics research. Additionally, you will benefit from interactions with the interdisciplinary [Sheffield Fluid Mechanics Group](#). This role includes an extended research visit to Rio de Janeiro, to work closely with the experimental partners.

You will have completed, or be close to completion of, a PhD in Fluid Mechanics or a related field, or equivalent professional experience. Significant experience in high-fidelity simulations of turbulent flows, high-performance computational methods and programming and mathematical modelling of wall-bounded shear flows and flow instabilities is essential.

We are committed to exploring flexible working opportunities which benefit the individual and University.

We're one of the best not-for-profit organisations to work for in the UK. The University's Total Reward Package includes a competitive salary, a generous Pension Scheme and annual leave entitlement, as well as access to a range of learning and development courses to support your personal and professional development. More details can be found on our benefits page: [sheffield.ac.uk/jobs/benefits](https://sheffield.ac.uk/jobs/benefits)

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If you are interest, we encourage you to get in touch with us:

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