



Job Description

This form summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can be varied from time to time at the discretion of the School, in consultation with the postholder.

Job title: Research Officer

Department/Centre/Institute: Phelan United States Centre Accountable to: Lauren Sukin

Job Summary

This post is to aid Assistant Professor Lauren Sukin in a programme of research examining the effects of political polarisation on nuclear strategy and policy.

The job involves working on academic research that relies extensively on survey data. The postholder will also be expected to work with interview data, historical case studies, cross-national and sub-national data, and the literature related to this programme of research.

Previous engagement with the subject matter related to the program of research is especially welcome, though not essential. Those lacking prior engagement with the subject matter will be expected to have the background to learn the necessary skills and so become an expert by the time the post ends.

Experience using advanced quantitative methods to analyze large data and knowledge is welcome, although not essential. Basic knowledge of Statistics and programming in R is essential.

The postholder will be expected to contribute to co-authored publications in top quality peer-reviewed academic journals. The postholder will also have the opportunity to propose solo-authored publications under the programme of research for publication in top quality peer-reviewed academic journals.

Duties and Responsibilities

Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- Conducting research projects or programmes either independently or in a team.
- Demonstrating the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies.
- Designing and conducting field-work.
- Contributing to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals.
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes including peer reviewed journals.
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Presenting research papers at conferences.
- Organising conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges.

Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:

- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Centre.
- Managing the activities of research assistants on a day-to-day basis.



All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator and/or Head of Centre.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility may be required in the duties performed in order to meet the exigencies of service. Job roles may also naturally develop over time and ongoing substantial changes to a role will be discussed between line managers and their staff, with job descriptions updated as and when appropriate.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

LSE is committed to building a diverse, equitable and truly inclusive university. All posts (and post holders) will seek to ensure diversity and inclusion, while opposing all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, or social and economic background.

Ethics Code

Posts (and post holders) are assumed to have a responsibility to act in accordance with the School's Ethics Code and to promote the principles and values that the Code enshrines. The Ethics Code clearly states that the whole LSE community, including all staff, students, and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the principles which are set out in the Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with it. The School's Effective Behaviours Framework is designed to support this Code. It sets out examples for the six behaviours that all staff are expected to demonstrate, these can be found on the following link: [click here](#)

Environmental Sustainability

The post holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of the role, and actively contribute to the delivery of the LSE Environmental Policy.