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/Division: LSE Health
Accountable to: Dr Emilie Courtin

Job Summary

We invite applications for a Research Officer to work primarily on LIFELONG - an exciting project on the effects of early life and education interventions on biological ageing. The project is led by Dr Emilie Courtin and funded by the European Research Council (UKRI Pioneer guarantee). The aim of the project is to understand whether social interventions and policies implemented early in the life course can alter the rate of biological ageing.

The Research Officer will work under the supervision of Dr Courtin. You will participate in the day-to-day research operations of the LIFELONG project and more broadly of the LSE Health Inequalities Lab. You will support the data acquisition, management and analysis. You will also be expected to lead the Lab's open science strategy. You will have training in data science, biostatistics or a similar quantitative discipline. You will have a strong command of Stata and/or R and experience conducting complex analyses on large datasets.

You will join LSE, a leading social science institution with some of the greatest global impact. Our researchers are world-leading thinkers on critical issues. You will be part of LSE Health, a multidisciplinary centre drawing expertise from several areas. In particular, the group contains social epidemiologists, health economists and econometricians, health services researchers and clinicians.

The position is an appointment of two years, with the possibility of extension based on performance.

Duties and Responsibilities

Research activities and responsibilities

- Support data acquisition, management and analysis for the LIFELONG project.
- Contribute to the writing of scholarly manuscripts in peer-reviewed scientific journals to disseminate the findings of the project.
- Support the Lab's response to funding opportunities.
- Lead the team's open science and research reproducibility strategy.
- Work closely with Dr Courtin to strategically plan scientific endeavours.

Administration and management

- Play a constructive role in the life of the team and LSE Health more broadly.
- Support the development and training of junior research staff (*e.g.* occasional research assistants) to provide timeline and efficient support to the research team.
- Support the organisation of webinars/presentations/seminars to showcase work in progress as well as finalised work.
- Act in accordance with and promote the School values, including Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Ethics and Environmental Sustainability
- Adhere to appropriate health and safety policies and School regulations/policies

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.