



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 in Experimental Games

Department/Division: Department of Methodology Accountable to: Dr Eleanor A. Power

Job Summary:

This full-time research officer position is a three-year position to work with Eleanor Power as part of her Research Leadership Award, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, titled *'Reputational Poverty Traps' and the Reproduction of Social Inequality in South Asia and the world*.

The ideal candidate will have successfully completed or be close to completing a PhD in a relevant discipline (e.g., economics, psychology, sociology, development studies) by the post start date. They will have experience conducting experimental games, ideally (but not necessarily) with lab-in-the-field designs.

The persons appointed to the research officer position will be responsible to Dr Eleanor Power, Assistant Professor in the Department of Methodology.

Duties/Responsibilities

This post will involve conducting experimental games in a number of communities in South Asia and elsewhere around the world. This will be done in close collaboration with Dr. Power, as well as researchers with long-term relationships with each community and local research assistants. The research officer will travel to each community to organise and oversee the administration of the games. This could entail travelling to and staying in as many as 13 different communities and countries, and will typically be to more rural locations. The research officer will collaboratively design and lead in the implementation and subsequent analysis of the experimental games. As this implies, a core part of this post will be collaborating with an interdisciplinary team of social scientists working with communities in South Asia and around the world.

Range of Research Activities and Responsibilities

- Conducting research projects or programmes both independently and in a team.
- Demonstrating the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies.
- Designing, arranging, managing, and conducting fieldwork in a range of countries.
- Writing up independent and co-authored 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 Department.
- 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 Department.

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.