



## 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:** Post-Doctoral Research Officer in Animal Sentience (Animal Welfare Science)

**Department/Division:** Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science (CPNSS)  
**Accountable to:** Head of Department

### Job Summary

- To make significant, innovative contributions to Dr Jonathan Birch's **Foundations of Animal Sentience** (ASENT) project, funded by the European Research Council.
- To work closely and collaboratively with Dr Birch and the other members of the ASENT project, including scientific collaborators at other institutions.

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### The Post-Doctoral Research Officer will:

- Conduct innovative and significant research as part of the ASENT team, potentially including lab work on bee cognition with scientific collaborators at Queen Mary, University of London and Royal Holloway, University of London.
- Collaborate harmoniously and closely with their colleagues on the ASENT project.
- Write articles for publication in leading scientific and philosophical journals.
- Present research at international conferences.
- Organize conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Contribute creative solutions to research challenges.
- Play a constructive role in the life of the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science at the LSE.

All of the above are 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.