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 Economist

Centre: Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)   **Accountable to: Director of the Wellbeing Programme, CEP**

Job Summary:

The CEP's Wellbeing Programme aims to establish wellbeing as a major criterion for policy decisions. Especially in the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, adopting a wellbeing perspective through which to analyse policy decisions is vital. To this end, the Wellbeing Programme analyses wellbeing developments in the UK and internationally during this time, studies how wellbeing relates to behaviour, and provides evidence-based policy advise rooted in the science of wellbeing.
The Research Economist will assist with data matching, processing, modelling, and analysis, and will contribute co-authored top-journal-quality papers. The role holder will also coordinate the work of others as required. He or she will be part of a wider team working in the Wellbeing Programme.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

Work with CEP colleagues on projects in the Wellbeing Programme.

Take the lead in writing research papers including those for peer-reviewed journal publication; where necessary, coordinate the submission of drafts by other members in the research team and communicate feedback to them.

Identify and develop key research questions in long-run panel and cohort data using measures of wellbeing (in collaboration with colleagues). Develop appropriate conceptual frameworks to tackle research issues under analysis.

Develop research agenda within the overall objectives of the Wellbeing Programme.

Collect, clean, and prepare data. Match data from different datasets. This includes econometric analysis and preparation of charts or graphs for papers. Supervise and assist more junior members of staff in this task when asked to do so.

Perform literature reviews.

Present research papers at conferences.

Assist in presenting research findings to academic and non-academic audiences and attend meetings and conferences as necessary.

Liaise with sponsors and outside agencies to report on research progress, obtain data, and resolve data difficulties.

Initiate and sustain links with external bodies to foster collaboration.

Assist in making applications for additional research funding.

Contribute to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals.

Attend seminars relevant to the programme.

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.