

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. The description of the duties and responsibilities reflect the post at the time it was drawn up, the details of which may change over time without changing the general character and purpose of the post or the level of responsibility encompassed.

Job title: Assistant Professorial Research Fellow

Centre: LSE Health Accountable to: Prof Elias Mossialos, Centre Director

Job Summary

Based in LSE Health the post holder will have a leading role in the 'LSE-Lancet Commission on the Future of the NHS' project. They will work very closely with the LSE Health Director and Chair of the Commission, Professor Elias Mossialos. The post holder will contribute to the project through conducting outstanding quality research, closely liaising with all Commissioners, and writing up of the reports and other outputs emanating from the project.

Range of Academic Activities and Responsibilities at Assistant Professorial Research Fellow Level at LSE

Research productivity

- Conduct substantive research with a focus on the "LSE-Lancet Commission on the Future of the NHS" project
- Contributing to the discussions on the project objectives, developing and applying appropriate methodologies
- Developing a body of outstanding quality publications in well recognised peer reviewed outlets.
- Conducting substantive research into complex problems, ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies.
- Developing and carrying forward a coherent research strategy in their discipline which has national and international impact and fits with the research agenda of the Department and/or Research Centre.
- Formulating peer reviewed funding bids which develop and enhance research support for the specialist area and achieving success in attracting such funding.
- Managing research projects and grants either independently or collaboratively.
- Providing academic leadership at conferences and raising the profile of LSE research Initiating and developing links with internal contacts such as academics in interdisciplinary departments/institutes/centres, external contacts at other educational institutions, employers and professional organisations to actively foster collaboration.
- Presenting research and giving invited papers at national and international conferences.
- Providing expert opinion and commentary to external audiences and organisations.
- Acting as a reviewer for academic journals and research grant applications.

- Initiate and develop links with other educational institutions, professional organisations; and partners in the project to actively foster collaboration
- Foster collegiality and fulfil responsibilities contributing towards the intellectual life of the Centre
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Knowledge engagement and impact

- Actively developing strategies to ensure that research outputs have demonstrable impact and inform the public debate.
- Engaging with non-academic audiences.
- Contribute to the development of a communication narrative on the Future of the NHS, aimed at policy and lay audiences
- Engage with academic, non-academic audiences and governmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as the wider public, through publications and dissemination in widely accessible forms

Management and leadership of research projects

- Leading small research projects that may involve co-ordinating the work of others.
- Training and supervising the work of research assistants and of research officers.
- Contributing to the development of teams, through supervision and peer support.
- Proactively manage the activities at LSE as well as the work of the Commissioners

Activities relating to centre/institute/departmental/School management and administration

- Fostering collegiality and fulfilling responsibilities as set out by the Head of Department or Centre/Institute Director.
- Attending and participating in Centre/Department/Institute meetings and contributing towards the intellectual life of the unit.
- Contributing to the development of individuals, through mentoring of junior research staff.
- Support centre/institute/department recruitment activity of research staff, including membership of relevant search committees.

Other responsibilities may include

- Contributing to strategic deliberations and making decisions at Institutional level, e.g. through membership of School committees
- Supervising Masters' students.

Precise duties are subject to the opportunities available, the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator, Centre/Institute Director and/or Head of Department, in accordance with established line management arrangements and commensurate with the post.

Flexibility

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.

Equality and Diversity

LSE believes that equality for all is a basic human right. 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 reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

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 School's Ethics Code. As such you are required to read and familiarise yourself with the Ethics Code.

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.