



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: Centre for Public Authority and International Development/ Firoz Lalji

Job Summary:

The ESRC Centre for Public Authority and International Development at the LSE Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa seeks to appoint a Research Officer whose research has applications to public authority, international development or inclusive growth in conflict-affected states in Africa. We are particularly interested in candidates working in Anthropology, International Development, Geography, Political Economics, Sociology, or Political Science, as well as knowledge of relevant literatures in the following areas: inclusive growth, public authority, hybrid governance, and natural resources. Candidates should also have knowledge and experience in using ethnographic and qualitative methods and previous research experience in countries Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Somalia, Burundi, or Rwanda.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful candidate will have a PhD or be close to the completion of their PhD by the start date. The candidate will work with Prof Tim Allen, Prof Alex de Waal, Prof Melissa Parker, Dr Tatiana Carayannis and Prof Koen Vlassenroot and other research staff at the Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID) which is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Based at LSE's new Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa, the CPAID's research will primarily focus on public authority and inclusive growth in Africa, in particular in conflict-affected countries such as DR Congo, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Somalia, and Burundi as well as the now relatively peaceful states of Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

Duties will include the following:

- Conducting research projects or programmes either independently or in a team;
- Demonstrating the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies;
- Designing and conducting international field-work;
- Contributing to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals;
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes, including peer reviewed journals;
- Contributing actively to the policy engagement activities of the institute;
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration;
- Presenting research papers at conferences;
- Organising local and international conferences, seminars and workshops;
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges.

All of the above is subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and



with the agreement of the supervisor. The appointee will be expected to play an active intellectual part in CAID and to collaborate with other programmes within the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa.

Note

The LSE has a progressive pay structure that rewards you with annual pay increases up to a certain level as you develop in your role. We also provide for further reward past this point in the form of further pay increases based on exceptional performance.

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

To uphold the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity, as set out in the [Ethics Code](#), we will treat all people with dignity and respect, and ensure that no one will be treated less favourably because of their role at the School, age, sex, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, or social and economic background. For the full Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy statement, please see the [EDI website](#)

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.