THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

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: POID, Centre for Economic Performance

Accountable to: Prof. John Van Reenen and Dr Anna Valero

Job Summary:

The Research Economist will join a team that will employ newly analysed data to better measure technological and managerial innovation and its diffusion, the drivers of innovation/diffusion and how they affect productivity. S/he will assist with data matching, modelling, and analysis, and will contribute co-authored policy oriented and journal quality papers and coordinate the work of others as required.
The Research Economist's work will be primarily connected with the preparation and linkage of the relevant data sources; data cleaning and manipulation, econometric estimation and producing tables and graphs. S/he will also assist in developing a survey for primary data collection, liaising with data providers, conducting a literature review, and helping the team to organise stakeholder meetings and workshops.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Contribute to writing research papers including those for peer reviewed journal publication; where necessary coordinating the submission of drafts by other members in the research team and communicate feedback to them.
- Develop appropriate conceptual frameworks to tackle research issues under analysis.
- Oversee and undertake collection, cleaning, and preparation of data for analysis. This includes preparation of charts/ graphs/tables and the use of econometric analysis for the development of spatial and sectoral descriptive statistics and correlations, testing of models and for the preparation of papers.
- Supervise and assist research assistants on the project.
- Communicate the work of the project to the outside world in the way most appropriate for the audience/stakeholder addressed.
- Perform literature reviews.
- Liaise with sponsors and outside agencies to report on research progress, obtain data, resolve data difficulties.
- Initiate and sustain links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Organise stakeholder meetings and workshops.

- Assist in making applications for additional research funding.
- Carry out administrative duties required by projects and project reporting.
- Attend seminars relevant to the program.

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.