



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 in Social Care Evaluation

Department/Centre/Institute: Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (CPEC)

Accountable to: Assistant Professorial Research Fellow and CPEC LSE Project Lead

Job Summary

The Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (CPEC) is seeking to appoint a full-time Research Officer to start in January 2022 for 36 months to support a new project entitled "[Creating Care Partnerships - Developing Research Practice Partnerships to deliver novel, sustainable collaborations between adult social care research and practice in the UK](#)". The Project is led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and involves a number of other partners. LSE's partnership in the Project is led by Dr Juliette Malley and involves evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of three new Research Practice Partnerships (RPPs) between care homes and universities, on a range of outcomes including building research capacity, and producing and using research to improve practice.

The Research Officer will be expected to collect and analyse qualitative and quantitative data from the RPP sites. The role will involve designing, organising and conducting the collection of data through interview, survey and observational methods, analysing the data collected using appropriate statistical and qualitative methods, synthesising the mixed methods data, contributing to the drafting of project reports and papers and to the dissemination of findings to a range of stakeholders, including funders, practitioners, policy-makers and other academics.

As a core member of the project team, the Research Officer will be expected to work closely with all project partners and with the RPP sites to ensure the evaluation aligns closely with all other project activities. The Research Officer will also undertake a range of desk and field-based activities, including carrying out literature reviews, attending workshops and other research-related activities necessary to ensure the quality and integrity of the work and success of the research project.

The Research Officer will be required to maintain knowledge of relevant policy and practice debates and discussions relevant to social care in England. They will be supported to develop their research career within CPEC.

The Research Officer should be able to work independently within a research team. The Research Officer will be expected to contribute to the Centre's wider research programme and to play an active role in the life and activities of CPEC.

Duties and Responsibilities



- 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 fieldwork.
- Contributing to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals.
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes including peer reviewed journals.
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Presenting research papers at conferences.
- Organising conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges.

Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:

- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Centre/Institute/Department.
- Managing the activities of research assistants on a day-to-day basis.

All of the above subject to the contractual obligations imposed by the external funding agency and with the agreement of the grant-holder, Principal Investigator and/or Centre Director.

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.