



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: Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa **Accountable to:** Professor Tim Allen

Job Summary

The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa is recruiting a Research Officer to work on the European Union Horizon 2020 Periscope Project (Pan-European Response to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Future Pandemics and Epidemics). This position is for an early career academic to work on public authority perspectives on COVID-19 and future epidemics in Europe and elsewhere.

The successful candidate will work with Institute Director, Professor Tim Allen, and will be part of a large programme of research involving many partner institutions across Europe.

S/he will be based in the ESRC-funded Centre for Public Authority and Development (CPAID) at LSE (located in the Firoz Lalji Institute) and will have research responsibilities and a key coordination role within LSE workstreams forming parts of the European Union Horizon 2020 Periscope Project.

Duties and Responsibilities

- The post holder will coordinate engagement across PERISCOPE's multidisciplinary work streams and develop a public authority perspective on the research and COVID-related policy engagements.
- The successful candidate will work across the LSE workstreams to ensure connectivity and engagement with the PERISCOPE objectives with the support of Professor Allen. This will involve attending meetings, corresponding with workstream leads and organising events for knowledge sharing and dissemination.
- The post holder will initiate activities which connect PERISCOPE with ongoing activities within CPAID.
- With respect to research, the post holder will conduct and publish qualitative research which explores one or more of the following topics:
 - Responses to Covid-19 interventions in Europe and other regions (e.g. Africa).
 - Continuities and discontinuities in vaccine compliance between selected European and other countries.
 - The role of public authorities in structuring trust in Covid—19 interventions and vaccine compliance in European and other countries.

The post holder will additionally be responsible for the development, co-ordination and management of a 'Covid-19 Social Science' network/ platform. This initiative will bring together European, African and other



scholars with knowledge about the effects or potential effects of epidemics in particular populations. A model for this will be the platform previously developed for Ebola (<http://www.ebola-anthropology.net/about-the-network/>).

The post holder will conduct social science research exploring Covid-19 interventions and their legacies.

The post-holder will initiate events and collaborative publications between network members.

In discussion with Professor Allen, this research will be published in high quality peer-reviewed journals, commensurate with the experience of the applicant.

The post-holder will hold a PhD in development studies, anthropology, geography or other social science discipline.

Research interests will focus broadly on public health and/or epidemic/ pandemic preparedness, with an interest in developments in Europe, and also in other parts of the world (ideally with knowledge and experience in countries that are a focus of CPAID research).

The researcher will be committed to the application and communication of ethnographic/ quantitative research to both interdisciplinary audiences and communities of policy makers.

The applicant will have demonstrable expertise coordinating knowledge exchange between European and African scholars.

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.