



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: Executive Director (Professor in Practice), TPI Global Climate Transition Centre
Ref no.:

Department/Division: Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment,
Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) Global Climate Transition Centre
Accountable to: Director of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Job Summary

This role is Executive Director of the [TPI Global Climate Transition Centre](#), a new Research Centre at LSE based within the Grantham Research Institute, that aims to be a global hub for research and open-access data on the transition to a low-carbon economy in the corporate and financial world. The new Centre, established by some of the world's leading asset owners, will conduct independent, authoritative research, and aims to be a key part of the post COP-26 financial infrastructure to support transparency, accountability, and action on climate commitments.

The post holder will lead on setting and delivering the Centre strategy, high-level engagement with external stakeholders and audiences, and have broad oversight of the Centre's research and operations. This is a key leadership position to place the Centre as the 'go-to' corporate climate action benchmark. The position also comes with the title Professor in Practice or Professorial Research Fellow, depending on the successful applicant's background (practitioner or academic, respectively).

Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder will contribute to the Centre by:

Centre strategy

- Leading Centre strategy and governance, including through chairing the Centre's Management Committee and representing the Centre during Advisory Committee meetings.
- Leading development of the Centre's research agenda by identifying key research questions and impact opportunities, working closely with the Centre's Research Director and Deputy Director.
- Ensuring long-term financial sustainability of the Centre, including cultivating high-level relationships with external funders, and identifying opportunities for commercialisation of the Centre's data.
- Identifying opportunities and risks in relation to the Centre's future direction, keeping abreast of developments in climate/sustainable finance, ESG, and responsible investment.
- Identifying directions for the development of the Centre's research methodologies, ensuring they remain cutting-edge and investor-relevant, working closely with the Centre's Research Director and Deputy Director.
- Identifying innovative approaches to engagement/impact activities and implementing them, working closely with the Centre's Deputy Director.



Relationships

- Leading the Centre's strategy towards key stakeholders.
- Representing the Centre at a high level in its relationships with the Centre's funders and other external stakeholders.
- Building and maintaining relationships with external stakeholders with a view to strengthen the Centre's positioning in the wider ecosystem of climate finance, especially with asset owners, asset managers and other relevant actors in financial markets such as ESG data providers.
- Engaging external audiences at the highest level, such as by serving on advisory bodies, providing expert opinion and commentary, building high-level networks, and giving invited presentations at national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Management of the Centre's projects and staff

- Leading development of the Centre's annual work plan and ensuring its timely delivery through high-level planning and coordination, working closely with the Centre's Deputy Director.
- Providing high-level guidance on the direction of development of the Centre's multi-stakeholder projects, working closely with the Centre's Deputy Director.
- Career development and where necessary hiring of the Centre's senior staff.
- Ensuring all activities of the Centre are undertaken appropriately within the management structures of the Grantham Research Institute, and wider LSE provisions.

Communication of research outputs

- Ensuring cutting-edge, high-quality and investor-relevant communication of the Centre's research, working closely with the Centre's Deputy Director.
- Leading on the development of the Centre's new Transition Knowledge Hub, together with the Centre's Deputy Director and Research Director.

Other responsibilities

- Contributing to strategic deliberation and decision-making at university level, e.g., through membership of School committees, where appropriate.
- Contributing to the development of the Grantham Research Institute research strategy.

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](#)



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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.