



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 Assistant

Department: School of Public Policy

Accountable to: Prof Sandra Sequeira

Job Summary

The successful applicants will be based at the London School of Economics (LSE) and will work under the direction of Professor Sandra Sequeira. The job will entail close collaboration on several new and ongoing projects on a broad range of topics in applied microeconomics, development and political economy. Much of the research uses “big data”, experimental and quasi-experimental methods to identify causal effects and test the predictions of economic models. Current projects include municipal taxation and state capacity, the integration of refugees and internally displaced individuals into labor markets, and the political economy of social cohesion. Interested applicants can consult Professor Sandra Sequeira’s website to learn more about ongoing projects.

The job will include a variety of tasks that provide excellent preparation for graduate school, such as analyzing data, writing and creating presentations, and editing research papers.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Identifying appropriate methods of investigation or analysis according to data and objectives.
- Conveying complex conceptual ideas or complex information which may be highly detailed, technical or specialist.
- Interpreting and analysing patterns or trends in data.
- Managing large scale databases.
- Conducting literature reviews.
- Assisting in the writing of reports.
- Contributing to the organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Supporting team members to reach common goals.
- Managing own research and administrative activities, with guidance.
- Demonstrating a knowledge of theory, methods and practice and demonstrating development through acquisition of relevant skills and competencies.

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 Head of Centre.



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.

Free Speech

[The Code of Practice on Free Speech](#) outlines the responsibilities of LSE to protect and promote freedom of speech and academic freedom within the law for students, faculty, staff, and visiting speakers. It applies to all activities on LSE premises and those conducted in the name of the School or LSE Students' Union at any location. The Code confirms that LSE does not take formal positions on political or international issues but provides a platform for critical debate within the law, taking account of the various legislative requirements and the context provided by policies and procedures. Procedures are set out in the Code on how events must be arranged and conducted.