



## 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/Centre/Institute: International Relations Accountable to: Professor Jeffrey Chwieroth**

### Job Summary

This post is to assist Professor Jeffrey Chwieroth, in the programme of research examining the political consequences of financialization and wealth inequality as well as the politics of climate-related risks to financial stability and household wealth.

The job involves working on academic research that relies extensively on survey data as well as cross-national and sub-national data. The post holder will also be expected to engage with, and conduct reviews of, the literature related to the programme of research. Previous engagement with the subject matter related to the programme of research is especially welcome, though not essential. Those lacking prior engagement with the subject matter will be expected to have the background to learn the necessary skills and so become an expert by the time the post ends.

The postholder will have experience using advanced quantitative methods to analyze large data. Excellent knowledge of Statistics, R, and Python is essential. The role will contribute to publications in top quality peer-reviewed academic journals, will offer the opportunity to work alongside a uniquely interdisciplinary team of researchers from several universities, and will especially suit those who are looking for a pre-doctoral position to gain valuable skills before embarking on or completing a PhD.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Managing various databases on financialization, wealth inequality, and climate-related risks to financial stability.
- Processing and transforming data obtained from these databases, so they are readily used for statistical analysis.
- Running statistical models on various large databases.
- Carrying out empirical work, including on unique surveys, cross-national, and sub-national datasets.
- Engaging with, and conducting reviews of, the literature related to the programme of research.
- Playing a role in writing up novel research with the Principal Investigator.
- Contributing to the formulation of peer reviewed research grant proposals.



- Assisting in the dissemination of the research, including through the preparation of press releases, conference attendance, and the pro-active support of a research culture.
- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Department, including liaising with the stakeholder community.
- Liaising with or supervising research assistants as required.
- Sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration.
- Contributing creative solutions to research challenges.

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 Department.

#### **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.